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Deaths.

BARTON.—May 1, at the residence of her parents, Oxley-street, Bourke, Thora, second daughter of E. J. and E. M. Barton, aged 11 months and 3 weeks.

BERRY.—May 12, at Kingsweston, Rutherford-road, Chatswood, Thomas Berry, aged 62 years, late of Cavendish-street, Stanmore.

CAMPBELL.—May 8, suddenly, at her residence, 47 Dumbleton-street, Glebe, Mary, the beloved wife of Hector Campbell, of Inverness-shire, Scotland, aged 71. Home papers please copy.

CATTERALL.—May 11, at Orkeole, Nelson-street, Woollahra, the infant son of F. G. and A. L. Catterall, aged 3 weeks.

LYNCH.—May 12, 1897, at his residence, Darlinghurst, after a long illness, John Lynch, aged 76.

MOORE.—May 11, 1897, at his residence, Chelmsford, Wentworth-street, North Sydney, William Palmer Moore, aged 84 years.

OAKES.—May 6, 1897, at Bathurst, John George Richard-son, eldest son of the late Francis Oakes, Parramatta, aged 36.

TAYLOR.—May 11, at the Sydney Hospital, Alice Frances Taylor, aged 49 years, dearly-beloved mother of Constance Evelyn. Funeral leaves Sydney Hospital (Domain entrance) at 3.45 a.m. to-day for Waverley Cemetery. Home papers please copy.

WILCE.—May 8, at Auchenforlie, Deagog, Jonathan Wilce, in his 86th year.

In Memoriam.

GOOD.—In sad but loving remembrance of our dear father, Edward Good, Union Hotel, who departed this life on May 13. Inserted by his loving children, Agnes, Ida, and Edward.

O'GORMAN.—In loving remembrance of our dear mother, who departed this life on May 13, 1894. Inserted by her loving sons and daughter, John, James, and Mary O'Gorman. Dead, but not forgotten.

PURSE.—In loving memory of our dear brother, Edward George Purse, who departed this life on the 13th of May, 1896. Dead, but not forgotten. Inserted by Mr. and Mrs. J. Purse.

RADKE.—In sad but loving memory of our dear friend, Mary Radke, who passed away 13th May, 1896. Inserted by her loving friends, F. M. and L. Purcell.

SLATER.—In fond and loving memory of my dear sister, Maud Elizabeth Slater, who departed this life 13th May, 1896, aged 15 years and 3 months.

Relentless death among us came
And bitter grief inspired.
It took our loved one from our home,
But never from our hearts.

Inserted by her loving sister, N. Cartwright.

SLATER.—In sorrowing and loving memory of my dearest beloved daughter, Maud E. Slater, who died May 13th, 1896, aged 15 years and 3 months.

Nothing in my hand I bring.
Simply to Thy cross I cling.

Inserted by her loving mother, Barbara M. Jones.

SLATER.—In loving remembrance of my dear sister, Maud, who died May 13th, 1896, aged 15 years. Inserted by her loving sister, Alice. Dead, but not forgotten.

WALKER.—In sad but loving memory of our darling little son, Sydney Richard (Sid), who died 13th May, 1894, at his parents' residence, Rose Cottage, aged 7 years and 4 months. Dead but not forgotten. Inserted by his sorrowing mother and father, Emily and Richard Walker.

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48	... Ryan, Mrs. C., lot 7, Camelia Grove Estate, Parramatta-road	£6 10 0
99	... Smith, Robert, lots 2 and 3, sec. 1, Jones's subdivision, Croydon-road	5 0 0
161	... Donnelly, Michael, lot 12, Etonville Estate, Croydon-road	5 0 0
190	... Torpey, Miss, portion of block 48, Church-street	6 0 0
220	... Lewis, E. E. W., lot 19, Alexandra-crescent, Ivey-street	4 0 0
262	... Brown, Charles A., part block 48, corner Alt and Henry streets	8 0 0
337	... Owner, about 60ft., Tarlington-street	3 0 0
354	... Griffiths, William, 1 lot, Margaret-street	3 0 0
369	... Corbin, A., lot 8, sec. 1, Eastside-street	2 10 0
503	... M'Grath, J., lot 40, Etonville-parade	4 0 0
1107	... Haywood, G. A., lot 19, ditto	5 0 0
287	... Williams, John, lot 7, Highbury Estate, Elizabeth-street	4 0 0
357	... Jones, Mrs. S., lot 36, Cecil-street	7 10 0
362	... Levy, Abraham, part lot 33, ditto	3 0 0
365	... Morris, A., and others, 1a., Wallace-st.	20 0 0
284	... Merrylands Bank, Block, corner Frederick and Henry streets	100 0 0
367	... Walkley, Henry, lot 8, sec. 2, Gower-st.	6 0 0
	SOUTH WARD.	
77	... Finch, Miss J., portion of block 19, sec. 4, Liverpool-road	12 10 0
97	... Ewing, William, lots 53 and 54, sec. 4, Liverpool-road	8 0 0
114	... Hodsell, Robt. Y., lot 2, Peckham Estate, Liverpool-road	5 10 0
115	... Miller, William, lot 1, Peckham Estate, Liverpool-road	5 0 0
227	... Merrylands Bank, lot 24, Victoria-square	4 10 0
247	... Clifton, Theodore, House, No. 34 Victoria-street	38 10 0
284	... Kuyser, Dominic, lot 30, Harland Estate, Victoria-street	3 0 0
285	... Bartlett, lot 5, Harland Estate, Queen-st.	3 0 0
312	... Rowden, Edwin, lot 1, Harland Estate, Queen-street	3 0 0
318	... Young, John, lots 9 and 10, sec. B, Queen-street	7 10 0
365	... Hambly, Jane, lot 14, The Grove, Queen-street	4 0 0
403	... Jones, J. C., lot 23 Rosedale Estate, George-street	2 0 0
420	... Stratton, Charles, lot 3, sec. 2, Rosedale Estate, George-street	2 0 0
435	... White, J. T. and W., lot —, sec. —, Rosedale Estate, George-street	2 0 0
618	... Clark, Thomas, lot 16, Mount-street	2 10 0
640	... Field, H. E., part of block 3, Hardy-street	12 0 0
642	... Jeffreson, E., and Phillips, C. J., lot 9, The Grove, Hardy-street	4 0 0
644	... Stickler, William John, The Grove, Hardy-street	2 0 0
645	... Smith, J. C., lots 2 to 7, Holden-street South	15 0 0
676	... Spiatt, Charles, lot 1, sec. 2, Holden-street South	1 10 0
680	... Campbell, Mrs. E. T., lot 1, sec. 2, Holden-street South	2 0 0
681	... Wilson, H. R., lot 3, sec. 3, Holden-street South	25 0 0
685	... Marshall, Richard, lot 1, The Grove, Hardy-street	4 0 0
692	... Scott, Mrs. E., part block 3, Hankse.	12 10 0
693	... Hedger, A., ditto, ditto	2 10 0
694	... Bowker, Charles, lot 9, sec. 1, Ashford-st	2 0 0
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806	Dolphin, Miss E., lot 5, sec. 1, ditto	2 0 0
810	Ward, John, lot 24, Harland Estate, Wilson-street	4 10 0
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1136	Shepherd, Stephen, lot 3, sec. 1, ditto	2 10 0
1147	Merritt, J. W., lot 1 and part 3, Education Park Estate	10 0 0
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1239	Turner, G. F., lot 32, ditto	2 10 0
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373	Oriental Bank, block, corner Smith and Newcastle streets	25 0 0
380	Wallis, Mrs. M., lot 16, Carrington-st.	5 0 0
534	Frame and Dwyer, Messrs., lots 17 and 18, Carrington-street	5 0 0
382	Crow, Miss M., lot 40, Nowranie-st.	3 0 0
384	Morse, Thos. Peter, lots 70 and 71, ditto	10 0 0
426	Fechine, Gibson, lot 21, sec. B., Merrison-street	12 10 0
702	Killen, —, lots 160 and 161, Wellesley-st.	6 0 0
709	Clark, Thomas, lot 167, ditto	3 10 0
710	Shaw, W. B., lots 18 and 14, sec. 6, Grosvenor Crescent	5 0 0
911	Owner, lot, Regan-street	10 0 0
1046	Tinsonville, Miss, House, No. 42, Kensington-road	42 10 0
1076	Stone, John S., lot 11, sec. 1, Parramatta-road	5 0 0
1170	Broom, H., lot 1, sec. B, Ramsay-street	4 0 0
1200	Wilson, George, lots 4 and 5, ditto	3 0 0
1201	Smith, James, House, No. 3 Dalhousie-st.	15 0 0
1202	Dunn, A. G., lot 9, sec. A, ditto	3 0 0
1203	Lamb, C. and Lamb, —, lots 11, 14, and 24, sec. A, Dalhousie-street	8 0 0
1210	Traveller, Thomas, lots 27 and 28, ditto	6 0 0
1211 and 12	—Traveller, Thomas, lots 29 and 37, sec. B and 29 and 30, sec. A, st. David's-st.	6 0 0
1224 and 1235	—Lamb, C. F., lots 16, 17, and 31 to 34, sec. B, David-street	9 0 0
1188	Smith, R., lot 15, sec. B, ditto	1 10 0
1189	Smith, W. W., lot 47, sec. B, Dobroyd-street	7 10 0
1267	Lamb, C. F., lots 58 and 59, sec. B, Dobroyd-street	8 0 0
1279	Traveller, T. G., lots 28 and 29, sec. B, Dobroyd-street	3 0 0
1318	Price, Edward, lots 15 and 16, sec. A, Pierce-street	4 10 0
1317	Owner, lot 18, sec. A, Pierson-street	2 0 0
682	Walton, J. N., lot 5, sec. 8, Abigail-st.	2 0 0
734	Mountain, Mrs., lots 3 and 4, sec. 1, Junction-road	15 0 0
800	Robinson, Thomas, lot 11, sec. A, Regent-street	7 10 0
1065	Johnson, Mrs., lot 20, sec. 1, Kensington-road	7 10 0
1218	Lovett, A., lots 19 and 20, sec. A, Dalhousie-street	5 0 0

NOTICE is hereby given that Courts of Petty Sessions will be held at the Police Court, Dunnan-street, Glebe, for properties on the Dobroyde Estates only, on TUESDAY, the 25th day of May, 1897, at 11 o'clock a.m., and at the Police Court, Newtown, for all other properties within the Borough on WEDNESDAY, the 26th day of May, 1897, at 10 o'clock a.m.

Notice of Appeal must be in writing, and lodged with the Council Clerk, at least seven days before the said 25th and 26th May respectively.

THOS. GLASSOP, Council Clerk.

Town Hall, Ashfield, 11th May, 1897.

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF SMITHFIELD AND FAIRFIELD.

TO THE OWNERS OF THE UNDERMENTIONED PROPERTIES.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Properties hereunder set forth have been assessed by the Council of the above-named Municipal District under the provisions and for the purposes mentioned in the Municipalities Act of 1897, and a RATE of One Shilling in the £ upon the ASSESSED VALUE thereof has been levied for the current Municipal Year, 1897-1898.

FAIRFIELD WARD.

Various Lots: Avenel Estate, £5 each; in Avoca Estate, £3; in St. Albans and St. Joseph's Estates, £3 each; Fairfield Heights Estate, £7 each; Avoca Park, £8 each; Smart's subdivision, £15 each.

SMITHFIELD WARD.

C. Martin, enclosed land, Albert-street, £5; lots in Brennan, Charles, Dublin, and Pulsking streets, £10 each; Smithfield Park and Fairfield Heights Estate, £6 each.

PROSPECT WARD.

Various lots in Wetherill Park, Bonney Park, and Bonnall subdivision, from £3 to £6 each.

A COURT for hearing Appeals against the assessment will be held at 10 a.m., THURSDAY, 3rd day of June, 1897, at the Police Court, Liverpool. Notice of intention to appeal must be in writing, and delivered to the undersigned seven days at least before the holding of such court.

EDWARD FARR,
Council Clerk.

Council-chambers, Smithfield.
12th May, 1897.

Legal Notices.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—In Divorce (No. 2446).—Between MARY ANN NAUGHTON, Petitioner, and CLARENCE HAROLD BERNARD NAUGHTON, Respondent.—To CLARENCE HAROLD BERNARD NAUGHTON, late of Cossmahbie. TAKE NOTICE that the said Mary Ann Naughton has commenced a suit against you in this Honourable Court, and is applying for a dissolution of marriage on the grounds of desertion without reasonable excuse during three years and upwards. And take notice that you are required to enter an appearance to the said suit at the proper office of this Honourable Court in or before the thirtieth day of June next; and in the event of your not doing so within the time limited, or obtaining from the petitioner will proceed, and the suit be further time, the petitioner will proceed, and the suit be heard and judged, your absence notwithstanding. A copy of the petition filed herein may be had on application to the undersigned free of charge. Dated this 12th day of May, A.D., 1897. ELLIS and BUTTON, Solicitors for Petitioner, Coonamble, and 109 Phillip-street, Sydney. For the Registrar in Divorce, JOHN GEO. LEABY (L.S.), Chief Clerk.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Matter of the Intestate Estate of EMANUEL JOSEP, late of Little Bay-street, Sydney, Seaman, deceased.—All persons indebted to the abovenamed deceased are requested to pay debts to the undersigned, and all persons having claims against the said Estate are required to forward the amounts of their several Accounts to me. Also, all persons having claims against the said Estate are requested to be forwarded to me, verified by affidavit, to me on or before the 20th day of May, 1897. N.B.—Any claim not sent in by the day named will be liable to be excluded from participation. CECIL W. E. BEDFORD, Proctor for the Executors, 85 Pitt-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Matter of the Intestate Estate of PETER MACLEAN, late of Bungarra, Chancery-square, Sydney, Gentleman, deceased.—All persons indebted to the abovenamed deceased are requested to pay the amounts of their several Accounts to me. Also, all persons having claims against the said Estate are requested to forward the same, verified by affidavit, to me on or before the 20th day of May, 1897. N.B.—Any claim not sent in by the day named will be liable to be excluded from participation. T. W. GARRETT, Curator of Intestate Estates. Chancery-square, Sydney, 12th May, 1897.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the matter of the Intestate Estate of PETER MACLEAN, late of Bungarra, Chancery-square, Sydney, and sole proprietor of the Kia of the said deceased. EMERSON and FOWLER, Proctors, Albury. By JOHN M'LAUGHLIN, 118 Pitt-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of EMILY ROSE FAITHFULL, late of St. Anne's, Elizabeth Bay, Spinster, in the colony of New South Wales, deceased, the Wife of Henry Montague Faithfull, of Sydney aforesaid, solicitor.—APPLICATION will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the said Will may be granted to the abovenamed HENRY MONTAGUE FAITHFULL and ROBERT HONEL FAITHFULL, the Executors named in the said Will. DUNN and LATHELL, Proctors for the Executors, 88 Pitt-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—TAKE NOTICE that I, GILBERT OCTAVUS HEATH, of Wagga Wagga, in the colony of New South Wales, lately serving under Articles of Clerkship to Henry Ernest Mecheimore, of Wagga Wagga aforesaid, as Attorney and Solicitor of the Supreme Court of New South Wales, intend to apply on the last day of the present Term to be admitted as an Attorney, Solicitor, and Proctor of this Honourable Court. Dated this seventh day of May, A.D. 1897. GILBERT OCTAVUS HEATH.

Tenders.

ARTISTS and PAINTERS.—If you want best quality Goods for Lowest Cash buy from JAMES SANDY and CO., 271 and 320 George-street.

AVOID CLUMSY IMITATIONS of the Genuine FRENCH ROOFING TILES (manufactured by the United Tileries, Marseilles, France), Stocked in Sydney and Suburbs in all quantities. PATENT METAL CEILINGS (Zinc or Steel). Illustrated Catalogues, post free. Great Reductions in the price of ZINC CENTRE FLOWERS (one-tenth the weight of plaster). ZINC OR COPPER ROOFING, Tunnels, Dormers, &c. Patent Guttering and Louvres. Trade Castings of every description. THE WUNDERLICH PATENT CEILING AND ROOFING CO., LIMITED, ZINC WORKS and Tile Yards, Baptist-street (end of Crown-street), Sydney. Tel., 1438.

ARTISTIC WALL PAPERS, Oils, Colours, Varnishes, Sheet and Plate Glass, Picture Mouldings. H. H. GROTH and CO., 529 George-street, Brickfield-hill.

BOROUGH OF RANDWICK.

TENDERS are hereby invited for Repairs and Painting, &c., to Pavilion and Fences, Randwick Cricket Reserve.

Specifications may be seen on application to the undersigned during office hours, to whom Tender is to be sent under cover not later than 12 noon on WEDNESDAY, the 19th instant.

CECIL W. E. BEDFORD,
Council Clerk.

Town Hall, Randwick, 12th May, 1897.

BOROUGH OF NORTH BOTANY.

TENDERS are invited for the Supply of 250 tons of MACHINE-BROKEN BLUESTONE METAL.

Specification may be seen with the undersigned during office hours.

Tenders CLOSE 7 p.m. TUESDAY, May 18th, 1897.

T. A. WATSON,
Council Clerk.

Town Hall, North Botany.
May 10th, 1897.

DIAMOND DRILL PLANT CONTRACT SUPPLY and DELIVERY OF PLANT TO BORE, 2000ft.

TENDERS will be received at this office up to noon on TUESDAY, the 25th May, 1897, for the above Contract.

They are to be addressed to "The Hon. the Director of Public Works," and marked outside "Tender for Diamond Drill Plant Contract."

Conditions of contract and specifications may be seen at the Office, at the Public Works Office, Adelaide; at the Office of the Water Supply Department, Brisbane; at the office of the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Board, Sydney; and at the Office of the Metropolitan Board of Works, Melbourne.

The lowest or any tender will not necessarily be accepted.

By order of the Hon. Director of Public Works.

M. E. JULL,
Under-Secretary for Public Works.

Public Works Office,
Perth, Western Australia, 27th April, 1897.

DAMPCOURSE, pure bitumen portable rolls, cheaper, better than imp. or slate. Asphaltum Co., Druitt-st.

MINTARO SLATE, undoubtedly the best for Steps, Verandah Nosing, Urinal Slabs, Dairy Shelves, Brewers' Tanks and Coolers, &c. CREAK and FORD, Steam Slate and Marble Works, Blackfriars, off Gen.-st. W.

LEAD LIGHTS.—Tenders wanted Lead Light Work. Apply on job, 397 Bourke-st., S. Hills

TENDERS Tuckpointing Cottages, Park-rd., opposite Wentworth Park.

BE COMFORTABLE WHILE YOU CAN. The Very Latest Novelties in DRESS MATERIALS at PERCY HORDERN'S, 666 Brickfield-hill. See the Cold-resisting BLANKETS and FLANNELS.

LAKE ILLAWARRA HARBOUR WORKS.

TENDERS are invited for the Construction of a TIMBER HULL for DREDGER at Lake Illawarra. Plan and specification may be seen at the office of the undersigned on and after MONDAY, May 17th.

Tenders, accompanied by a marked banker's cheque for one per cent. on the amount of tender, and endorsed "Tender for Hull for Dredger" must be lodged with the undersigned before noon on TUESDAY, MAY 25th, 1897. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

HARPER, HARPER, and HENDERSON, Engineers for the Illawarra Harbour and Land Corporation, Ltd., 68 Pitt-street, Sydney.

PLASTERERS.—Tenders Plasterers' House at Galston. Specifications D. Cruden, Railway-rd., St. Peters.

PRICE wanted for a pair of IRON GATES, 12ft. wide. S. See and Co., 389 Pitt-st.

THE METROPOLITAN GAS COMPANY, MELBOURNE.

TENDERS FOR COAL.

The Directors of the Metropolitan Gas Company invite TENDERS for the supply of the Gas Coal required to be delivered at their respective Works at West Melbourne, South Melbourne, and Fitzroy, for a period of three years in the proportions of three-fourths best Newcastle Round Coal, and One-fourth Small Coal, in accordance with the terms and conditions of the SPECIFICATION.

Tenders (accompanied by a deposit of £100 in cash or bank's cheque) made on blank of the prescribed form, with the schedule prices duly filled up and signed, must be delivered in a sealed envelope on or before 2 p.m. on FRIDAY, the 16th day of June, 1897, addressed to

The CHAIRMAN and DIRECTORS of the Metropolitan Gas Company, Flinders-street.

Endorsed—"Tender for Coal."

NOTE.—The Directors are prepared to consider offers for any larger proportion of small.

THE SMELTING COMPANY OF AUSTRALIA, Limited.

TENDERS

are required, and must be in by TUESDAY, 25th MAY, 1897, addressed to the undersigned, for EXCAVATING 30,000 YARDS CLAY.

Plans and specifications to be seen at Sydney Office, Mutual Life Buildings, Martin-place, and at Works Office, Lapstone.

G. H. BLAKEMORE, Manager.

TO PLUMBERS.

TENDERS are invited for Repairs to the Roof of Her Majesty's Theatre, Pitt-street and Market-street; also General Repairs as per specifications at the offices of the undersigned. Tenders close on MONDAY, 17th May, at 4 p.m.

JOHN E. KEMP,
Architect, &c., 192 Phillip-street.
(Late Morell and Kemp.)

TO BUILDERS.

FRESH TENDERS are invited for Repairs and sundry other Works at Clark's Railway Hotel, George-street, city. Specifications at the offices of the undersigned. Tenders close on MONDAY, 17th May, at 10 a.m.

JOHN E. KEMP,
Architect, &c., 192 Phillip-street.
(Late Morell and Kemp.)

TO BUILDERS.

TENDERS are invited for the Erection of a PAVILION for the SYDNEY GOLF CLUB at BONDI.

Plans and specifications can be seen at the offices of the undersigned, to whom endorsed tenders are to be delivered not later than noon 1st JUNE.

HERBERT E. WARDELL, Architect, Jamieson-street.

TO BUILDERS.

TENDERS are required for Erection of Cottage Residence at Waverley.

NIXON and ALLEN, Architects, 127 King-street.

TENDER for Brickwork (labour only)... Apply on job, Petersham-st., near Cobb's stable.

TENDERS for Slating two Roofs... Between 9 and 10 a.m., T. Wanton, 341 Kent-st.

TENDERS Grubbing 35 acres, Parramatta River. Particulars, J. S., Herald Office.

TENDERS required for Staircase Work, labour only, also shop Front. 385 George-st.

TENDERS Bricklaying and Plastering, Arthur-st., near Monument, North wards. Casey, builder.

TENDERS wanted for Painting Victoria Inn, 191 Oxford-st., Paddington. Apply on premises.

TENDERS for Paperhanging and first-class Decorating of Hall, labour only. Speight, 175 Windsor-st., Paddington.

TENDERS wanted Laying Floor, 30ft. by 20ft., Millerstreet, North sydney, just past tram.

Auction Sales.

HORSES, VEHICLES, and HARNESS.

GEORGE KISS will sell by auction, at the Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 11 o'clock.

All lots not specially advertised.

And at 12 o'clock.

All lots specially advertised.

Regular Sales at the Bazaar daily, and at Camperdown or elsewhere any afternoon.

LIVERY.—In this department charges moderate and best of forage.

FIRST-CLASS HACKNEY.

GEORGE KISS has received instructions to sell by auction, at the Bazaar, THIS DAY, Thursday, at 12 o'clock,

Bay gelding, 4 years, a splendid hackney, and used to trams.

PONY, HOODED BUGGY, and HARNESS.

GEORGE KISS has received instructions to sell by auction, at the Bazaar, THIS DAY, Thursday, at 12 o'clock,

Black pony mare, fast trotter, broken to saddle and harness, true trial.

S.B. hooded buggy and harness.

PAIR OF HORSES, BAROUCHE, AND HARNESS.

GEORGE KISS has received instructions from Mr. O. Hyder, Parramatta, to sell by auction, at the Bazaar, THIS DAY, Thursday, at 2 o'clock,

A pair of roan geldings, about 15 hands, run well together, stand tram; also barouche, and set of double harness.

PRIZE HARNESS HORSE, from CAMDEN.

GEORGE KISS has received instructions from Mr. G. W. YOUNG, Camden, to sell by auction, at the Bazaar, THIS DAY, Thursday, at 12 o'clock,

A bay gelding, 15.2, lady can drive him, has taken 7 first, 10 special and other prizes, all locally shown, broken to saddle, single and double harness. Being sold as owner has no further use for him.

TO PRIVATE GENTLEMEN AND OTHERS.

GEORGE KISS has received instructions from Mr. O. Maiden to sell by auction, at the Bazaar, THIS DAY, Thursday, at 12 o'clock,

Bay gelding, 15.2, perfectly quiet in saddle and harness, stands trams and trains; has been constantly driven by lady.

GEORGE KISS will sell, Tomorrow Afternoon, at 3 o'clock, Fancy poultry, various breeds; and ducks.

SYDNEY TURF CLUB MEETING.

GEORGE KISS has received instructions from the Secretary Sydney Turf Club to sell by auction, at the Bazaar, on MONDAY, the 17th instant, at 12 o'clock,

The right to collect at Entrance Gate and St. Leger Reserve for above meeting, to be held on 22nd and 24th instant.

WOOL SALES.

SYDNEY WOOL-SELLING BROKERS' ASSOCIATION.

SALES by AUCTION will be held in the WOOL EXCHANGE, MACQUARIE-PLACE, TO-DAY, THURSDAY, May 13, at 3 p.m., in the following order :—

1. New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Co., Ltd., 270 bales.
2. Pastoral Finance Association, Ltd., 226 bales.
3. Barraud, Jones, and Devlin, Ltd., 968 bales.
4. J. C. Young and Co., 126 bales.

BANNISTER, MORRIS, and CO. will sell by auction THIS DAY, at Newtown, at 7 o'clock, Wood, &c. And at Darling Harbour, at 9 o'clock. Wood, &c.

THIS THURSDAY MORNING, AT 11 SHARP.

BUILDERS and CONTRACTORS' MACHINERY and PLANT.

FOR ABSOLUTELY UNRESERVED AUCTION SALE at EMILY-STREET, ENMORE, four Tupper-street, very handy Tram and Train.

Under positive instructions from MESSRS. DAVID JONES and CO.,

the well-known Government Contractors, who are now retiring from business.

The attention of Engineers, Contractors, Dealers in Machinery, Cabinetmakers, and Joiners, is respectfully directed to this Sale.

An Opportunity that Rarely Offers.

The Principal Items are :—

A SUPERIOR 8-H.P. ENGINE and BOILER, by Chapman Bros.
FAY'S MORTICING MACHINE, cost £95
CIRCULAR SAWS and BENCH
BAND SAWS
PULLEYS, SHAFTING, BELTS, ROPES
PORTABLE FORGE and BELLOWS
TRAVELLER
ANVIL
WINCH, up to 7 tons
3-TON DRAY STONE TRUCK
BENCHES, BLOCKS, and
General Appliances for Large Jobs.

QUANTITY OF BEAUTIFULLY-MARKED CEDAR, as supplied for Government Offices and Buildings.

Terms, Cash.

STRONGMAN and WATSON, Auctioneers and Arbitrators, Offices at Burwood station.

THIS DAY, at 1 o'clock.

J. GIDLEY FLEMING and SONS sell by auction at 242 Pitt-street, choice collection of pot plants, N.I. ferns, Cooperi ferns, carnations, fuchsias, begonias, verbenas, coleus, musk, &c.

Outdoor Sales well conducted.

FRIDAY, MAY 14, at 11 o'clock, SHORT-STREET, off Alexander-street, ALEXANDRIA. Beautiful Victor PIANO, in perfect tone, nearly new Suites, Beds, and Bedding, Washstand and Ware Music Canterbury, Ornamenta, Sewing Machines Quantity Dining and Kitchen Furniture.

GEO. P. BAINES will sell as above. Full particulars in to-morrow. See Herald Friday morning.

INGLIS and SON'S HORSE BAZAAR.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON will sell by auction, at their Bazaar, This Day, at 11 a.m. sharp,

Vans, spring-carts, horses, and harness, draught horses, upjacks and harness.

At 12 o'clock,

Horses and vehicles of every description, specially advertised. Tel. 1332.

2 HARNESS HORSES, PAGNEL CART, AND HARNESS.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 12 o'clock,

Brown mare, 5 years, by Boccacio. } Both thoroughly Chestnut mare, 5 years. } good in harness and broke to saddle. Trials given.

Also, Pagnel cart and harness.

LONGSHAFT SULKY TURNOUT.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. Solomon to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 12 o'clock,

Grey mare, 6 years old, thoroughly quiet and reliable, stand trams; hooded Bradley cart and harness, in first-class order.

BAY MARE, SULKY, AND HARNESS.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 12 o'clock,

The above first-class turnout. Trial given with horse.

8 WELL-KNOWN TROTTING HORSES.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. R. F. Curtis to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, TO-MORROW, at 12 o'clock,

The following well-known trotting horses, viz.:—

DARKIE, very fast, and a splendid sociable horse.
REGINA
LITTLE DUDE.

The above are so well and favourably known that comment is considered unnecessary, each horse being perfectly quiet, and all can drive them.

HORSES. HORSES. HORSES.

CAMPERDOWN YARDS.

TO-MORROW, FRIDAY 14th INST., at 2.30 p.m.

70 SUPERIOR FRESH COUNTRY HORSES. 70

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON will sell by auction, as On Account MANAGER CAMDEN PARK ESTATE, MENANGLE,

12 superior horses, consisting of 10 Suffolk Punch colts and fillies, 4 years old, and 2 well-bred saddle horses.

On Account Mr. S. SMALL, MOREE.

10 superior heavy draught colts and fillies, 4 and 5 years old.

On Account WESTERN AGENTS, BOURKE:

10 well-bred light horses, with breeding, substance and quality.

On Account Mr. J. H. M'CLAIR, RATHURST

10 superior heavy draught colts and fillies, 4 and 5 years old.

On Account Mr. J. M'DONALD, GILMORE STATION, BOURKE:

28 superior horses, comprising 3 heavy draughts, the balance well-bred light horses, all broke.

TO STUDMASTERS, RACING MEN, and OTHERS.

UNRESERVED SALE OF THOROUGHBRED STOCK

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, Pitt and Castlereagh streets, on TUESDAY NEXT, May the 18th, at 11.30 a.m.,

9 thoroughbred mares
1 ditto gelding, and
The thoroughbred stallion PRIME MINISTER.

Full particulars of the above will be found in the S. M. Herald of the 12th instant.

CAMPERDOWN YARDS.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON will sell by auction, at the above Yards, on FRIDAY, 21st instant, On account Messrs. T. and W. D. Moxham,

The above were advertised for the 18th, but are unavoidably detained till 21st.

MILCH COWS. MILCH COWS.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON will sell by auction, at their Bazaar this day Sale, 297 George street, THIS DAY, Thursday, May 13, at 11 o'clock,

On account of Messrs. M'MINN, T. BRIGGS, D. BUFFIER, MACINTOSH BROTHERS, and Other Owners,

70 first-class milch cows, in full milk, with young calves at foot, from the best dairies in the Southern district.

At half-past 3 o'clock, 50 first-class dry and fat cattle.

BUTCHERS. BUTCHERS. BUTCHERS.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON will sell by auction at their Railway Yards, 297 George-street, THIS DAY, Thursday, May 13, at 3 o'clock,

3.5 extra prime fat calves, per rail, from Bowenfels
80 prime ditto, from Liverpool and Penrith
25 ditto, from Rooty Hill
50 prime ditto, from Goulburn
45 ditto, from Camden and Picton
20 ditto, from the Hunter River
50 ditto, from Auburn Park
40 first-class store pigs.

FAT CATTLE. FAT CATTLE.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON will sell by auction, at their Railway Yards, THIS DAY, Thursday, May 13, at half-past 3 o'clock,

15 prime fat cattle, account O. W. Roberts, Esq., Yass.
Heifer
20 prime fat cattle, account various owners.

HOME TOPICS AND EVENTS.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

LONDON, April 2.

The gravest anxiety exists at the time I write with regard to the probable development of affairs in the Transvaal. The matter has, it is true, attracted far more attention in official quarters than on the part of the general public, and this for a very simple reason. The exciting state of affairs in the Eastern Mediterranean has overshadowed everything else, and the public mind is not easily capable of two great preoccupations. But I have seen private letters both from Johannesburg and Capetown which represent the situation as being as critical as it possibly can be, and where are rumours that despatches have passed within the last few days between the Colonial Office and the Boer Government which if they had been exchanged between two Great Powers would almost inevitably have produced an immediate rupture. Mr. Chamberlain himself, too, went out of his way at the banquet to Sir Alfred Milner, a few days ago, to deliver a speech which can only be interpreted as one of emphatic warning. This is all the more significant because our Government at the present time will strain every nerve to avoid a quarrel. It is well known that the Queen is in the highest degree anxious that this year at all events shall be one of peace throughout her dominions; and a rupture with the Transvaal, which would awaken any amount of racial illfeeling within Cape Colony itself, is above all things a contingency to be avoided. At the same time, there can be no doubt whatever that President Kruger's attitude, whether from want of tact and knowledge of the world, as his apologists assert, or from downright hostility to this country, has of late been grossly provocative, and everything indicates that feeling in the matter is running very high in Cape Colony. Fortunately, in the new High Commissioner we shall have a representative who will do his best to pour oil on the troubled waters, while he will not allow himself to be bullied. To turn from great things to small, it is worth recording that Sir Alfred Milner is spending the last days before his departure, not in worrying over the responsibilities which he has to encounter, but in learning the bicycle.

The uncertainty with regard to the New South Wales troops has at last been set at rest. Colonel Lassetter has arrived in London, and has been in communication through the Agent-General with the War Office in regard to the quartering of the officers and men who are coming over for the Diamond Jubilee. It is now definitely arranged that the necessary accommodation is to be found at Hounslow, and that the Imperial Government will provide rations for the men and forage for the horses. The officers are to be made honorary members of the mess of the Scotch Greys, and ought, I should say, to be pretty comfortable. The troops are expected here in about a fortnight, on board the Gulf of Martaban. Although I do not think that anything has been definitely settled, or will be until colonial opinion has been consulted, it is reported here that there is a project for dividing up the Royal procession into two in such a way that the colonies will have a procession to themselves. Australia will during a part of the time proceed in front, and during the rest follow the main procession. The idea is to enable each colonial Prime Minister's carriage to be escorted by the troops from the colony to which he belongs, and at the same time to give to all the colonists a view of the "Royalties," which they would not get if they were merely put in the middle of a procession and had to follow throughout. The intention is excellent, but I have spoken to a few old colonials here, and they do not seem quite to take to the arrangement. They would rather that the colonial troops took their place in the ordinary long procession. However, we shall see how the plan works out. I believe it is the fact that Canada was anxious to send some 700 or 800 men, but the Imperial Government found themselves quite unable to make the necessary arrangements.

The annual dinner of the Royal Colonial Institute was held on Wednesday night, and brought together a really distinguished gathering of men who are or have been connected with the colonies. The chief feature was undoubtedly Mr. Chamberlain's speech, which has attracted a good deal of attention throughout the country. With an enthusiasm of manner which is not common with him, the Colonial Secretary declared his belief in the practical possibility of a federation of the whole British race. He went on to say, however, that this would never be brought about by anything in the nature of dictation from the mother country, but would have to come as the expression of the dearest wish of our colonial fellow-subjects themselves. I fancy one can read between the lines of this declaration the effects of a little lesson which Mr. Chamberlain received when he was fresh to the Colonial Office and thought that everything rested on his initiative. However, the company, which included some prominent "colonials," cheered his sentiments very heartily. It is very well known, in fact, that Mr. Chamberlain has by no means abandoned his ambition to do something to bring the mother country and the colonies closer together, though he has seen the advisability of not "forcing his cattle."

Another gathering which has a certain amount of colonial interest is the banquet to Lord Kimberley at the National Liberal Club. It is rather curious how quietly Lord Kimberley has stepped into the leadership of the Liberals in the House of Lords, how completely Lord Rosebery has dropped out of notice for the time, and what steady strides Sir William Harcourt is taking towards the leadership of the whole party. I wonder, by the way, who the "colonial statesman" is of whom Lord Kimberley told a rather malicious anecdote. Wishing especially to dwell on his Lordship's interest in the colonies, the gentleman in question pointed as an overweening proof of it to the circumstance that Lord Kimberley had "taken" his title" from a colonial town. It is hardly necessary to say that Lord Kimberley had the honour of giving his name to the diamond capital, a fact which the readers of "Mr. Magnus" will remember, along with sundry piquant reflections upon the subject.

The principle of payment of members of Parliament, with which the Australian colonies are familiar enough, has turned up again in Germany. The unfortunate Reichstag, whose decisions are taken as it always seems for the main purpose of being overruled, has again declared—this time by a majority of nearly four to one—that its members ought to receive some allowance from the public funds. It is never safe to predict anything about the Emperor William II., but the chances appear to be that as long as his Imperial Majesty reigns the Reichstag may ask for a very great deal without getting much. However, if the members of the Reichstag should ever draw their £300 a year or so, we shall have the satisfaction of knowing that our House of Commons is practically the only important Legislative Assembly in the world whose financial relations to their legislative duties consist simply in outgoings. Even the Italian deputies travel free on the railway, and there is a system of nepotism which enables a member of Parliament who wants nothing for himself to get at least an £80 a year engagement in the public offices for some distant relative. Here our legislators if they are at all illsituated circumstances are simply at their wits' ends to meet the claims upon them. I suppose there has never been a time in which rich men have bought their way more steadily into Parliament than they have done since the present Government came into office. The majority of the Unionists are wealthy and leisured representatives of the people, imbued, however, I am bound to say, with a wonderful amount of democratic feeling. The high and dry Tory has disappeared, and in his place we have the young and well-to-do and pleasure-loving man, dearly fond of his local popularity and prestige, apd troubled with no stand-off notions of any kind. He is not exactly a genius—that is, certainly not a Parliamentary genius—but I must say that he is by no means a bad type of the all-round Briton.

The appointment of the Earl of Ranfurly as Governor of New Zealand has not, it must be confessed, stirred people's pulses here very much. I believe, however, that he is an Irish landlord who has been exceptionally fortunate in getting on with his tenants, and he is a good sportsman—a fact which ought to command itself to the colony. He is, at the same time, understood to have considerable knowledge of mining matters, and to this fact and to his occasional visits to Melbourne may probably be attributed his selection for the post. He is a man in the prime of life, and, I believe, thoroughly interested in the work which he has undertaken.

The theatrical event of the week has been the production of Mr. Pinero's new play, "The Princess and the Butterfly," at the St. James's. The piece is a marvel of ingenuity, though to some tastes a great deal over-elaborated. It looks as if every epigram had been polished to the last degree. The whole story turns on the attempt of two people who have grown middle-aged and cynical to come to a matrimonial arrangement; but the middle-aged gentleman falls in love with a young lady, and the middle-aged lady with a young gentleman, and in the end Cupid gets his way. But it is rather by the tricks and turns which bring this consummation about than by the plot itself that the skilful hand is revealed. Everything smacks of a certain originality, and the play has what in these days is the enormous advantage of giving room for a striking set of stage pictures.

Sir Saul Samuel is at present distributing pretty freely Mr. Coghlan's account of the "Seven Colonies of Australasia." I notice that it has been favourably reviewed in some of the leading newspapers.

THE BUTTER INDUSTRY.

SERIOUS COMPLAINTS

NEW SOUTH WALES BEHIND THE OTHER COLONIES.

LONDON AGENTS "DISGUSTED."

The Minister for Mines and Agriculture (Mr. Sydney Smith) has recently received reports from England showing a very unfavorable state of things as regards the butter exported from New South Wales, and he says that unless immediate steps are taken to remedy the defects complained of the trade of the colony will suffer seriously.

As evidence of this, the Minister points out that the *British Australasian* in its issue of 22nd March last states:—"In spite of the fact that the close of the season, so far as Australian and New Zealand butter is concerned, is near at hand, there is a good demand for this butter. Complaints have been made, however, in regard to several cargoes of Sydney butter which have recently arrived in this country in such a bad condition as to be almost unsaleable. The agents to whom these cargoes are consigned in the manner in which Sydney butter has been prepared, and one well-known seller went as far as to say it would be "all up" with Sydney exporters if they did not pay more attention to the manufacture of their butter."

Weddel & Co.'s report for the week ending 2nd April says:—"The butters from Sydney show that the temperature has been too high for the production of a perfect article. This deterioration is very conspicuous in some makes, especially in the dairy butters that are worked over again on the agents' tables and re-packed as if they were actually creamery or factory butters. Genuine factory butter usually shows negligence in transit between the refrigerating rooms of the factory and the cool chambers of the vessel. In several brands the butter has been so soft that it has worked up from the bottom of the box in folds 3 or 4 in. high and half an inch thick under the parchment paper in which it is packed. No such bad management occurs in any other port than Sydney, and the loss to butter producers in New South Wales will be considerable, many brands being damaged fully £2 per ton."

Other reports he has received show that the defects complained of are not in isolated cases, but are farreaching. Under this state of affairs, refer to factories where the best supervision is exercised, and, of course, in many other factories a worse state of things must exist. It may be mentioned that these reports only bear out the unfavourable opinions of the judges on the butter exhibited in competition at the late Sydney Show. It was mainly in view of these that the Minister penned his recent minute, which appeared in the columns of the press, respecting the steps the Government proposed to take to give increased facilities for lads to undergo a special dairying course at the department's college and farms.

Feeling that the whole future welfare of the colony's butter trade is now at stake, the Minister especially wishes to impress upon all the dairymilky in the colony the necessity for remedying the defects now brought so prominently under notice. He has arranged that the dairy expert is to visit any factory requiring advice, and afford the fullest information respecting any improvements that should be made. He has also arranged, on the one hand, a number of young men, trained by the dairy expert, who will be able to remain at the factories, if required, and see that the improved systems are thoroughly carried out. To produce a uniformly good article of butter is the first essential; but the Minister feels it to be equally important to see that proper supervision is exercised so that only the best is exported. A few inferior shipments will damage the whole trade, and it will be a matter of great difficulty for the colony to live down a bad name once it becomes firmly established. The Minister is more than ever convinced of the necessity for carrying out the scheme for the grading of butter and other dairy produce on the lines recently approved of by the Government.

PARAMOUNT POWER" IN SOUTH AFRICA.

REMARKABLE SPEECH BY MR. CHAMBERLAIN.

The congratulatory dinner in London to Sir Alfred Milner, the new High Commissioner for South Africa, on Saturday evening, the 27th March, was marked by a speech of great importance and significance on the part of the Colonial Secretary, who, as will be seen (remarks the *Westminster Gazette*) intended that the occasion should serve the purposes of the London Convention, and gave notice to all and sundry that Britain intends to remain the "paramount Power in South Africa."

"NOT AN INSOLUBLE PROBLEM."

I am to be asked shortly in the House of Commons to lay before the House the written instructions as I may have to give to Sir A. Milner. (Laughter.) I will not anticipate the secrets which I may have to disclose to answer to that novel request—(laughter) —but I am confident that, independently of all instructions, Sir Alfred Milner has imposed upon himself, and carries in his breast, the duty of maintaining the rights, the interests, the obligations, and the honour of Great Britain. (Cheers.) He goes, as I have said, to the performance of a difficult task, but he need not be afraid. We will not condemn him, for he has a man of resolution, resource, and ability finds his best opportunities in the difficulties which he has to encounter. Although the situation which is present to our minds is not free from anxiety or even from danger, yet I am sanguine enough to believe that the problem now before us and Sir Alfred Milner is not an insoluble problem. For what is it? It is to reconcile and to persuade to live together in peace and goodwill races whose common interests are immeasurably greater than any differences which may unfortunately exist. This is a question which has been presented more than once in the history of this country. Sir Alfred Milner has alluded to the case of Canada., In Canada, in some of the West Indian islands, and in the Mauritius, we have had the same and readiest way of enabling people of all classes with the minimum of trouble to subscribe to the Hospital Fund, the Prince of Wales (we learn from the *Westminster Gazette*) has approved a design for two stamps, of the face value of 1s and 2s 6d respectively, which has been prepared by the Government contractors, Messrs. De la Rue and Co., who have kindly given the blocks and drawings free of charge. The wholesale distribution of these stamps has been undertaken by Messrs. Simpkin, Marshall, Hamilton, Kent, and Co., Limited, of Stationers' Hall-court, E.C. The issue will be strictly limited in number, and no reissue will be made. The stamps may be procured through any bookseller, newsagent, stationer, or stampseller. The design of the stamps is artistic and beautiful, and apart from their popularity with the smaller subscribers to the Prince of Wales's Hospital Fund, they are calculated to excite great interest amongst philatelists, of whose society his Royal Highness the Duke of York is the president.

OUR YORKSHIRE WOOL LETTER.

BUMPER SHIPMENTS OF WOOL TO AMERICA—BRADFORD REFUSES TO BE CODDLED—SEES TREMENDOUS ODDS AGAINST THEM—WOOL TO GO LOWER.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)

BRADFORD, April 2.

The course of events in this large consuming centre for wool during the past month has been nothing short of very remarkable. The changes that have been marked do not really leave any impression behind to signify that a good "rattling" trade has been done, good in the sense of profitmaking; for hard-headed Yorkshiremen consider no trade, however big the turnover, as being good if it does not leave behind an increase in one's exchequer. This has been the case this last month here, and although a big wool and top trade has been done, it is acknowledged that it has been a "brass" losing job. On the surface, this to colonial readers may seem contradictory, but a perusal of the circumstances noted below will prove the truth of our statement.

There can be no doubt that March has been a buyer's market for American. No sooner had M'Kinley ascended the throne at the White House on the 4th instant than the whole trade took it as a signal that he meant business, and the knowledge that his party had for months been framing a new high protective tariff bill, than it seemed to "intoxicate" men both here and America, and nothing short of a wool fever broke out. In last month's letter we spoke pointedly of the great shipments of raw manufacturing materials that were being made from Bradford in anticipation of the coming tariff, and when the States Consul published his list of exports everybody expressed great astonishment. Judged from the standpoint of the United States manufacturers the returns were considered eminently satisfactory. Judged from the standpoint of Bradford they were considered pronouncedly bad. The February returns are so interesting to those of your readers handling the raw article that they are worth being more closely analysed. The total month's shipments were £394,146 9s 2d. For the first time, I believe, in the history of Bradford wool itself makes a "record" and heads the list, and not only does the raw article figure up to nearly one-half of the month's exports, but other raw materials added—which is simply "powder and shot" to do future battle with against the manufactured products of Yorkshire and the Continent—when these are added they carry with it a tremendous majority. Here are the figures showing what manufacturers' materials really went across:—

Wool	£166,466 18 2
Noils	6,521 18 8
Alpaca	9,206 5 0
Laps	7,704 19 9
Worsted yarns	8,443 12 10
Silk yarns	4,878 13 1
Other yarns	167 0 0
Worsted waste	1,304 0 11
Mohair	794 11 6
Tops	338 12 10
Cowhair	129 15 6
Silk waste	81 10 1
Total	£223,168 0 3

Upon part of this vast total Bradford has only got simply brokerage, and upon a fair weight of the shipments not even that. Thus it will be seen that when that month opened a good trade was being done with America, at least in raw materials; while Bradford's principal manufactured textiles, worsted coatings and stuff goods, showed their usual great falling off.

But dealing more minutely with the course of the market during the past few weeks, there can be chronicled no relief from the late congested state of affairs in wool. London has again repeated her attitude displayed so pigheadedly for the last two or three series—and your growers have every reason to thank their stars that the brunt of the battle has not had to be borne either by the home trade or the Continental buyers. In fact, continued buoyancy is being thrown about the series in the high-handed way for the best and medium combing clips during the past few weeks, extensive purchases here and in other centres for raw materials, would seem to signify a good sound wool trade in Bradford; but on the other hand, it is only the rather fictitious appearance of strength which is not reflected in any other branch of the wool trade. March has been the busiest month for over a year back, but this has been entirely caused by the rush of almost everything for the Americans, and in the words of a well-known Bradford authority on American trade, "the determination appears to be to 'smash through' the greatest quantity of goods in the shortest possible time." After so many months with "nowt" doing, this has been looked upon as a welcome movement, but in wool-made textiles it has been almost exclusively confined to the reduction of stocks which have been accumulated through past cancellations, and represents parcels cleared at desperate rates. But perhaps the worst feature of the whole matter is, that there is no buying for forward delivery, and here men see in this a mountain that will be hard to climb before long, and even in the process of marking the woolgrowers of Australia will probably be called upon for a considerable reduction in their values. The few remaining days of this low tariff are being utilised to every advantage by every section of the trade.

But although we are pleased to be able to record this increased movement in American exports, it is very significant to find the Consul in his report to us by way of stimulating the market than by preventing it from getting worse. In itself this also is a record, for never has it been known with such shipments to have had not the least effect on the market—that is, "tone." While this has been the only "bright spot" to the English dealer or merchant, it has brought nothing in the nature of a reward to him. Among these wool shipments some large weights of English Lincoln, Shropshire, demi-wools, halfbreds, and I dare say sometimes fine have been taken, and it is certain that the States buyers have got nothing dear. In fact, to state a positive truth, many of these shipments mean a "dead" loss to the Bradford dealers, but seeing nothing else for them, they have been selling at what they deem the best prices to get them out at once, to sell while they had the chance, rather than hold in face of tremendous odds against them. Some of the stocks cleared this month of English wools have been on hand, and were bought during the boom and excitement of 1895, and dealers have put down their loss at 20 per cent. And yet for all that, these shipments have not had the slightest "toning" effect on the trade in general, and things are as quiet as quiet can be. For home consumption the trade is reported to be very slow, and prices are not firm. Consumers cannot be induced to take anything above the smallest possible quantities, just to meet their barest needs. Bradford buyers in London have been strictly cautioned by the heads of their firms not to be led away by the "forward" policy of the Yankees, and only to buy just to cover absolute needs. Men here are arguing thus:—This heavy American buying is destined soon to come to a finish; they have now sufficient raw wool and other materials under normal conditions to last them for fully a year, and some heavy sales yet to come on. We will wait patiently six weeks longer, when prices are bound to come down, and then be ruled by the real requirements of trade. (Under this expectant attitude men cannot be induced to buy unless, of course, price is right. However, there is this potent fact to be considered.

Our commission wool-combers have kept their combing machines fairly busy, and with the large demand for American stuffs are to-day in a fairly workable state all round. Some eleven of our largest houses have been doing this American business in wool, shipping all they could buy reasonably, and this, of course, has placed stocks on a position of benefit unlikely to be permanent for the future. What topmen are holding are doing so entirely on a question of price, and not being so faint-hearted still believe in the sound value of wool. Short 60's tops, out of which medium second combing pieces and fairly good shafty bellies they are made, are not so good to sell, as these can only be spun into weft yarns, and the worsted coating branch being quiet so long has made the average Botany or merino trade very quiet. Good warp 60's, always being better in length and usually in colour, with more spinning property about them, are better at present to sell, and only let there be a reasonable Bradford coating trade, good Australian wools with some "combing" property about them, will still keep up to a fair good average price. This month has seen large parcels of "tops" have been broken up and sold as "laps" to America.

Looking at crossbred qualities, these too have not occupied any relatively better position than merinos. There is still, and no doubt will be, a good allround average consumptive demand for medium grades, the demand for serges still being on a liberal scale, but there is not that big call for crossbred wool that Bradford usually has. Outside manufacturers have only been quiet, and when that is the always case demand diminished call for this class of wools. But of late, owing no doubt to the wearing capacities of colonial crossbred wools, they are being experimented with in almost every conceivable form, and the unique success which has crowned the efforts of Yorkshire manufacturers in their united endeavours to manipulate the crossbred fibre is the reason why these wools find their strongest support from Yorkshire buyers. Both strong and medium grades are in demand, but owing to our export demand in yarns, spinners have been compelled to reduce their output. All round, stocks to-day are not large, and this, of course, gives some relief to the quiet state of affairs.

But what can be said of "direct" import wools? Tackling yesterday on 'Change one of our first buyers of tops, I ventured the question, "and how are the direct importers going on this season? Do you think they are being able to make and sell tops to a profit?"

"I hardly think so," came the emphatic reply, "or at least with wools bought in Australia up to Christmas." The gradual fall in this market in values has undoubtedly frustrated all importers' plans, and I do not know of any who have been able to sell at even more than cost price, if even that."

"But what about the wool that has been reexported to America? Is it not a fact that most of these direct shipments have come at a handy time for America?" "That is so, and there is no doubt that the biggest weight of the arrivals have been sold at a profit to go forward to the States, and what appeared likely to be a big loss for the importers has turned out to their advantage, though it may be only a small one, or at least those selling the raw article have fared far better than those who have combed." This little conversation seems to be the consensus of opinion about Sydney and Melbourne bought wools, though with your market being a little easier after the Christmas recess, importers here are hoping to have a little "nibbling" by and by. The following is a useful table, showing the course of prices during the past month, and represents the asking prices to-day for the several commodities enumerated:—

Description of Staple.	2 March 1897.	9 March 1897.	16 March 1897.	23 March 1897.	30 March 1897.
	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
Lincoln hoggets	10½	10½	10½	10½	10½
Lincoln wethers	10	10	10	10	10
Deep-grown hoggets	9½	9½	9½	9½	9½
Deep-grown wethers	9½	9½	9½	9½	9½
White super hoggets	10	10	10	10	10
White super wethers	9½	9½	9½	9½	9½
Irish hoggets	10½	10	10	10	10
Irish wethers	10	9½	9½	9½	9½
Pick Shropshire hoggets	10½	10½	10	10	10
Pick Shropshire wethers	9½	9½	9½	9½	9½
Ordinary 40's hoggets	9½	9½	9½	9½	9½
Wiltshire Downs tops	11½	11½	11½	11½	11½
Wiltshire Downs ewes	11½	11½	11½	11½	11
Ordinary 60's, Buenos Ayres tops	17½	17	17	17	17
Ordinary 60's, colonial tops	18	18	18	18	17½
Super 70's, colonial tops	19½	19½	19½	19½	19½
Ordinary 36's, colonial tops	13	13	13½	13½	13½
Ordinary 40's, colonial tops	13½	13½	13½	13½	13½
Turkey average mohair	17	16	15	15	15
Cape first mohair	16	15	14	14	14

As illustrating the enormous export in wool, it may be of interest to your readers to know that for the whole of 1896 the total was only £303,946, whilst for 1895 it was £611,484. Thus it will be seen that the last quarter's wool export has far exceeded last year's, and really equalled that of 1895. The following is a comparative table, which will also be found of interest:—

Article.	March Qr. 1897.	March Qr. 1896.	Increase.	Decrease.
	£	£	£	£
Wool	357,912	116,141	441,770	166,053
Stuff goods	262,218	428,363		
Worsted coatings	228,879	346,888		118,009
Woollen goods	60,360	135,452		75,092
Cotton goods	91,301	98,856		7,362
Noils	44,689	5,870	38,798	
Worsted and mohair yarns	25,480	12,107	13,381	
silk yarns	13,084	23,785		10,101
Laps	18,030		14,998	
Alpaca	14,449		14,449	
Worsted waste	10,779	23,158		12,379
Machinery	10,661	37,475		27,414

The phenomenal feature of the above returns has one aspect of great importance. What further proof is required than this of the trading capacity of Bradford, when in the short space of one month it can send out goods to one country alone to the enormous value of considerably over three-quarters of a million sterling? Bradford has truly surpassed itself in its dealings with our Transatlantic cousins; it has established a commercial record which must be the talk and wonder of the world. But M'Kinley and his party have at last hoisted the "black flag," and decreed that a stop shall be put to such like shipments. The grave news to hand yesterday and to-day that a resolution had been passed by the House of Representatives providing that higher duties when imposed shall have a retrospective application on all goods not shipped before the 1st of April has created a great feeling of disappointment, as many large orders for manufactured textiles had been given to be completed quickly. Factories, combing mills, dyehouses, &c., had just begun running day and night, and this, of course, has put on the "stopper." Thus the United States market—which to Bradford is all paramount—may now be regarded as closed for some months to come, and under the new Dingley tariff all that can be anticipated in the future is a mere driblet of business compared to what would be available under normal conditions. This promises a period of depression and falling values here, as nothing as yet can compensate for the loss of our American trade.

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LAW REPORT.

SUPREME COURT.—WEDNESDAY, MAY 12.

In Banco.—(*Before the* CHIEF JUSTICE, *Mr. Justice* STEPHEN, *and Mr. Justice* COHEN.)

PERPETUAL TRUSTEE COMPANY V. MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF SYDNEY.

Mr. C. G. Heydon, Q.C., and Mr. Shand, instructed by Mr. John Stinson, appeared for the plaintiff company, and the Attorney-General (Mr. J. H. Want, Q.C.), Mr. Edmunds, and Mr. Levier, for the defendant municipal council. This was an application on behalf of the Perpetual Trustee Company for a rule absolute to set aside the verdict for defendants and for a new trial. The action, which was tried at last December sittings, before Mr. Justice Owen and a jury of four, was brought by the plaintiffs, as trustees of the estate of the late John Harris, to recover damages for trespass by the Municipal Council of Sydney upon certain land at Ultimo and discharging material thereon. The first count of the declaration charged defendants with trespassing upon land which fronted a well-known quarry at Ultimo and tipping a quantity of stone there from the excavations of the foundations of the new Town Hall, also street sweepings and clay, thereby causing a serious deterioration in the value of the property. A second count charged defendants with negligently altering the levels of Hill-street, between the land and the front of the quarry, and depriving plaintiffs of a right-of-way to the land. Damages were laid at £5000. The defendants paid into court the sum of £10 as sufficient to meet the claim for trespass and interference with the right-of-way, and in regard to Hill-street they pleaded that if such interference existed it was not one of which they had the management or control. The case lasted 12 days, and the jury returned a verdict for the defendants. Plaintiff company now moved for a rule absolute for a new trial on a number of grounds, one of which referred to certain rulings of his Honor and the rejection of evidence tendered by the plaintiffs.

The case stands part heard.

In Equity.—(*Before Mr. Justice* MANNING.)

AUSTRALIAN MUTUAL INVESTMENT AND BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED, V. WELLS (PART HEARD).

Mr. Lisgen and *Mr. Knox*, instructed by Mr. S. J. Bull, appeared for the plaintiff: Mr Gregory Walker, Q.C., and Mr. Loxton, instructed by Mr. A. N. M'Carthy, appeared for the defendant Wells; and Mr. H. P. Owen, instructed by Messrs. John Dawson and Sons, for the defendant Riley. This is a case in which the Australian Mutual Investment and Building Company, Limited, seek to recover a sum of money from G. J. Wells and W. R. Riley for alleged breaches of trust said to have been committed during the times they were directors of the plaintiff company. The plaintiff alleges that in authorising a number of investments the defendants committed breaches of trust by exceeding the powers conferred upon them by the memorandum and articles of association under which the company is constituted. In these circumstances the plaintiff prays that the defendants be ordered to refund on deposit, as well as those in the purchase of shares, are breaches of trust, that an account may be taken of the loss sustained by the plaintiff by reason of such breaches, and that the defendants, or at least one of them, be ordered to pay the plaintiff the amount of money so ascertained to be due, together with interest thereon.

The defendant Riley in his defence maintained that the investments were made under the powers conferred upon him by the memorandum and articles of association, in additiion to which they were decided by the board of directors with due care and prudence, and only after the fullest consideration had been given to them. Furthermore, defendant reserved the right to question any loss by the investments—he did not admit that such was the case—it was due to an unprecedented financial crisis.

The defence of *Wells* was similar in every respect to that of his colleague in the defence.

Evidence was then called for the purpose of witnesses as to the interpretation of banking business, especially as to the custom prevailing between financial institutions in relation to depositing surplus moneys with one another. The plaintiff's witnesses contended that it was not good banking business to make a deposit money with one another at short periods, whilst the witnesses for the defence contended that it was. Evidence was also given as to the class of liquid securities that could have been obtained at the time the investments were made by the plaintiffs, and which the plaintiff asks the court to declare were breaches of the memorandums and articles of association.

The evidence having closed, counsel commenced their addresses.

The case stands part heard.

(*Before Mr. Justice* OWEN.)

M'CULLOCH V. MAHER.

Mr. R. K. Manning, instructed by Mr. M'Culloch, for the plaintiff; Mr. Rich, instructed by Mr. L. Tange, Mr. Garnsey, instructed by Mr. Manning, Mr. Fuller, instructed by Mr. J. A. Doyle, and Messrs. J. H. Clayton and Mr. Rourke for the various defendants in the suit.—The plaintiffs were Percy Vernon M'Culloch, Charles Byrnes, and Richard Porter, and the defendants Bridget Maher, Richard James Maher, and other persons interested in the will of Edward James Mabyr, of Pennant Hills. The facts of the case are that Edward James Maher in 1859, in view of an action at law in which he was interested, made a settlement of his property. Subsequently he made a will which ignored the deed of settlement, and the Court was asked to decide whether the will or the deed should be effective.

His Honor after hearing arguments decided to set the deed of settlement aside, and allow the will to stand.

In Bankruptcy.—(*Before Mr. Justice* A. H. SIMPSON.)

MOTION UNDER SECTION 130.

Re Helen Sinclair M'Ginty (bankrupt). Mr. Gordon, instructed by Messrs. Johnson, Minter, Simpson, and Co., appeared on behalf of the official assignee; and Mr. Salusbury, instructed by Mr. Collins, for the respondent, Edward Blackler Anthony.

This was a motion on behalf of the official assignee for an order directing Edward Blackler Anthony to pay to the official assignee the value of certain machinery, fixtures, stock-in-trade, furniture, goods, chattels, and effects seized and taken possession of by Mr. Anthony under an assignment, or in the alternative to the Registrar, if necessary, was asked for, so that he might ascertain the nature and value of the machinery, &c. The application was made on the grounds that the property and assets referred to were the property of the bankrupt, and the bill of sale was invalid.

The motion stands part heard.

(*Before the Registrar, Mr.* ARTHUR HENRY.)

CERTIFICATE APPLICATION ADJOURNED.

Re Thomas Young. The hearing of a certificate application was adjourned to the 26th instant.

EXAMINATIONS.

Re William Baldwin, a bankrupt (a salesman) deposed that his wages were £2 a week. He arrived from America in January, 1896, and then had £450 or £500. Since then he had been in partnership with Thomas William Woodin. The partnership had been dissolved. Woodin met with an accident in May, 1896. He was looking at a revolver, which went off, and he was shot through the hand. He was taken to a private hospital. Debts amounting to £100 were incurred in consequence of that accident.

Re Samuel George Hewett. The bankrupt (a shoemaker) deposed that he owed about two years' rent.

Re James Alfred Payne. The bankrupt deposed that he was a dealer in horses, drays, and harness, and had been a restaurant-keeper at George-street West. His bankruptcy was caused by an action being brought against him for wrongful distress for rent. He had been paying 10s a week towards the support of his daughter, who was in Enoggera. He had obtained certain timber to put a fence on his wife's property. His wife refused to pay for it. She had four houses. They were uncumbered. The bankrupt was ordered to file accounts for two years and the examination was adjourned to the 26th instant.

Re William Henry Mumford. The bankrupt (a boilermaker) deposed that he had been to Western Australia and his wife had carried on a general store, which she gave up 12 months ago. He took some of the money, £66, from the business to go to Western Australia. The balance of the stock was used in the house. They owned Tillock and Co. £36 16s 8d. The bankrupt was ordered to file accounts for two years, and the examination was adjourned to the 26th instant.

Re William Henry Gilbert. The bankrupt (a bottler and cordial-maker) deposed that he had been in business at Young-street, Leichhardt. His bankruptcy was caused by the Government seizing his illicit still. Three years ago he was fined £100, with the alternative of three months' imprisonment. He served the three months. The Custom-house officers seized all he had. The examination was adjourned to the 19th instant.

Re Hugh Stewart St. George. The bankrupt (a medical practitioner) deposed that he practised at Redfern three years ago. Since then he had been travelling for a life office. He had been in difficulties since 1891. His furniture had been seized under a bill of sale. The bankrupt was ordered to file accounts for two years, and the examination was adjourned to the 26th instant.

Re Charles Bond. Certain debtors were examined, and they were ordered to pay the amounts owing by them to the estate. The examination was adjourned to 9th June.

Re Charles Phillips. The bankrupt (who had kept an hotel at Dungog) was examined under section 30, and ordered to file accounts for two years. Bernard Thompson, of Dungog, had been summoned to attend and give evidence as a witness, but did not appear. The Registrar ordered that a warrant be made out to compel him to attend, such warrant to be in the office for a week. The examination was adjourned to the 19th instant.

EXAMINATIONS ADJOURNED.

Jonah Harvie Baines, sine die; William James Hurst, to the 19th instant.

SEQUESTRATION ORDER.

Peter Soldi, of Mount Pleasant, formerly of Helensburgh, miner. Mr. Giblin, official assignee.

METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COURT.

WEDNESDAY.

(*Before Judge* BACKHOUSE.)

RENWICK AND OTHERS V. PITTMAN.

George Renwick, James Pannell, and William Cary, as trustees of the Industrial and Provident Permanent Benefit Building and Investment Society, carrying on business at 145 York-street, sued William Peter Pittman of South-street, Rushcutter Bay, blacksmith, to recover the sum of £79 17s 8d arrears of instalments payable to the society. A verdict was given for the plaintiff society for the amount claimed.

LAW NOTICES.

SUPREME COURT.—THURSDAY, MAY 13.

Term List.—Motions, &c.: In re Watkin Wynne, ex parte Frank Butler, attachment for contempt; in re James Reading Fairfax, Edward Rose Fairfax, and Charles Burton Fairfax, ex parte Frank Butler, attachment for contempt; in re John Milton Saunders, ex parte Frank Butler, attachment for contempt; in re Franz Bennett and Bernard Bennett, ex parte Frank Butler, attachment for contempt. Special Cases: Potter v Moss; in re James Nelson and the Crown Lands Acts of 1884, 1889, and 1895; M'Donnell and others v. Dyson and others; in re John Dennis (appellant) and Arthur Henry Cooper (respondent) and the Crown Lands Acts of 1884, 1889, and 1895; in re Harold Edward Collins and the Crown Lands Acts of 1884, 1889, and 1895 (the Minister for Lands appellant); in re Irene Eliza Collins and the Crown Lands Acts of 1884, 1889, and 1895 (the Minister for Lands appellant).

In Equity.—Before his Honor the Chief Judge.—At 10 a.m.: In re Rule, W. Cullen, and Thompson, and others, and the Married Women's Property Act, 1893, summons for order dissolving the interest of M. J. Cavanagh in certain lands. At 10.30 a.m.: Australian Mutual Investment and Building Company, Limited, v. Wells (part heard); West v. Fox, hearing. Before his Honor Mr. Justice A. H. Simpson.—In Bankruptcy.—At 10 a.m.: In re R. S. M'Gilroy, motion under section 130 (part heard); in re Elizabeth Skennar, motion under section 130. In Equity.—Flows v. Broughton (part heard). In Bankruptcy.—In re Peter Linder, motion under section 130. In Equity.—Degraves v. Bienvowe, hearing.

In Lunacy.—Before his Honor the Chief Judge in Equity, at 10 a.m. Lunacy matters.

Master's Office.—Before the Deputy Registrar.—At 11 a.m.: Moore v. Moore, motion for duration of order. From 2 to 4 p.m.: Ex parte Hardie and Attorneys Act, to tax costs. Before the Chief Clerk in Equity.—At 2 p.m.: Commercial Agency Trading and Publishing Company, Limited, and Companies Act, to pass accounts. Wentworthville Estate L. and B. Company, Limited, and Companies Act, to pass accounts; Fairfield Hotel Company, Limited, and Companies Act, to pass accounts; Fairfield Hotel and Racecourse Company, Limited, and Companies Act, to pass accounts; Bonang Goldmining Company, Limited, and Companies Act, to pass accounts; New South Wales Co-operative Goldmining Company, Limited, and Companies Act, to pass accounts; Australian Investment Loan and Guarantee Company, Limited, and Companies Act, to pass accounts. Prothonotary's Office.—Before the Prothonotary: Clarke v. Christie, and another (1); A.J.S. Bank v. Bradley, 12; in re gents., &c., 2.30. Before the Chief Clerk: Lynch and another v. Flippence, 10.30; Longstaff v. Jordan, 11; Jordan v. Jordan, 2.30. Before the Vice Admiralty.—Before the Registrar: Marzitelli and others v. the Wawarra, 10.

Probate Office.—Before the Registrar, at 11. To proceed on accounts in the

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THE CROWN LANDS CONSOLIDATION BILL.

BY A. B. PIDDINGTON, M.L.A.

At the end of last session a Bill to Consolidate the Crown Lands Acts was laid on the table of the House. If (as is promised in the Governor's Speech) the Bill is introduced in the present session, and an attempt made to carry it quickly into law on the ground that it is only a consolidating measure, there is some danger that it may be accepted by the House. The writer proposes to show that the bill in its present form stands in need of re-modelling, and that, invaluable as it would be in the preparation of a new measure, it will only make confusion worse confounded in our land laws if it is hurried into maturity as an Act with all its imperfections on its head.

A grave doubt arises whether the Bill does not overshoot its aim as a mere consolidation and positively alter the effect of existing law by sins both of omission and commission. Thus, for example, in clause 10 (which purports to copy section 9 of the Act of 1884) the Governor is given power to "disestablish or alter" the boundaries of land districts—the word "disestablish" being added by the draftsman without authority, and being obviously liable to misconstruction. Much more important is the oversight that has occurred in clause 22. The clause is headed "Land Appeal Court," and its opening words are:—"The Land Appeal Court shall be as constituted by the previous Acts." This mode of enacting a provision by reference to some other Act, always undesirable, amounts to positive mistake in a consolidating bill; the right course is simply to re-enact the provision. But more than that, there is no "Land Appeal Court" constituted by "the previous Acts." The words "the previous Acts" are defined in the interpretation clause, and the court constituted by them is designated the "Land Court." This title was changed to Land Appeal Court by a statute not included in "the previous Acts," viz., the Judicial Offices Act of 1892. All difficulty is surmounted by simply re-enacting, with the necessary adaptation, the provisions required.

Clause 53 (classes of exemption from conditional purchase) brings us to another instance of imperfect consolidation. By section 39 of the Act of 1889 the Governor is authorised to reserve, by notification in the *Gazette*, any Crown lands from sale or from lease, including, of course, from conditional sale, conditional lease, and pastoral lease in the Central or Western divisions of the colony. Yet in "listing" the exemptions from conditional purchase and from pastoral lease the draftsman has omitted the case of lands reserved by *Gazette* notification, while in "listing" the exemptions from conditional lease that case is rightly recognised. It is true that sec. 39 of the 1889 Act is embodied in clause 170 of this bill, and that the power in question is thus retained, but to save disputes—on matter of right in the Courts or matter of administration in Parliament—a list of exemptions, if made, ought to be complete. This same clause 53 contains an awkward mistake of copying. The classes of land enumerated are defined as "exempt from conditional sale under this Part." The Bill has no "Parts," and the mistake here made appears again in clause 71, which defines "residence for the purpose of this Part." A similar flaw occurs in the heading chapter II. to clause 117; nowhere in the bill will chapter I. be found.

An unmistakeable alteration in the existing law will be found in clause 122, where the provisions relating to compensation in the case of withdrawal *from lease* are enacted with regard to pastoral leases only. The draftsman has overlooked the fact that this provision of sec. 78, sub-sec. 7 of the 1884 Act, has by another section of the same Act been made applicable to homestead leases and by the Act of 1889 to scrub leases. In the same clause (122) of the bill the compensation authorised is said to be such as may be determined "by appraisement," the words in the original statute being "by the Minister after appraisement by the local board"—a notable difference. A similar interference with existing provisions is to be seen in clause 170, where it is enacted that "Crown lands, may be reserved" for certain public purposes, as in the method of reserving lands in this case were something in contrast with that prescribed in the earlier cases of the same clause, viz., the action of "the Governor by notice in the *Gazette*." The method of reserving is, under the previous Acts, precisely the same.

Finally in connection with the accuracy of the consolidation it may be mentioned that it is wellnigh impossible to test it fully, because there is no table of comparison furnished showing in one column the sections of existing Acts and in another the corresponding clauses of the consolidating bill, or else a reason (such as "operation exhausted," &c.) for excluding any particular section. Such a table is not infrequently attached to a consolidating measure, and without it no one can say whether every existing provision of law is accounted for.

Leaving those imperfections in the substance of the Bill (which, serious enough in themselves, are rendered more so by the suspicion they raise of other and perhaps graver errors) the form of the Bill will be found to be even more unsatisfactory. The first and strongest objection touches the requisites of a Table of Contents and a scientific system of arrangement. There is no such Table, nor is there any division into Parts or Chapters, such as is almost invariable in the lengthy Acts of modern lawmakers. It is true that an obvious effort has been made in the Bill to arrange its provisions in a systematic order, but this effort being only partially successful and not taking any verbal shape, leaves the condition of the Bill such that only a person having a finger-and-thumb familiarity with the measure would know where to find any particular provision.

One main advantage, for example, in consolidating our land laws would be that, speaking approximately, all the rules relating to each individual species of land tenure might be presented simultaneously as in a single separate treatise. Of these tenures there are some six or seven which are forms of Sale, and about twice as many which are forms of *Lease*. Obviously a useful arrangement would be to treat each tenure separately, and except where a great increase in bulk might result from doing so, to give the law relating to each tenure in full. Neither of these features is present in the Departmental Bill. The rules governing the acquisition of land by one method are constantly crossed and interrupted by rules relating to another method; and the symmetry of the drafting is still further impaired by the interposition of subjects which properly belong to the administration of the Act by Crown officials. So inconvenient and involved is the bill, that anyone wishing to know, for example, how land may be acquired by (original) conditional purchase would have to thread his way through distracting paragraphs and pages which deal with additional C. P.'s, conditional leases, the duties of land agents, the administrative work of the land board, and other quite extraneous matters. That can hardly be called a systematic presentment of the law which in one clause (61) prescribes the deposit necessary for a conditional purchase, and only after 10 pages of statute tells us (in clause 83) how the balance is paid off.

In connection with the varying tenures of our land laws an evident difficulty arises. There are many rules which are either uniform or much akin for several tenures. Such are, for example, the provisions defining the persons who may acquire lands, the limitations of area, the necessity of good faith, &c. Such laws might be enacted generally for all tenures or separately for each. In the bill no settled canon seems to have been adopted. Thus the general prohibition (in the Act of 1895) of impounding upon unfenced land is in the present bill split up and enacted separately for each tenure to which it applies; while, on the other hand, the conditions with respect to fencing and other improvements are presented all together for conditional purchases, non-residential conditional purchases, and conditional leases. This confusion of treatment might be avoided by the simple plan of treating each tenure as a separate subject of law so far as the settler's relation to the Crown in the acquisition of land is concerned, and putting into "general" sections the few rules which belong properly to the administrative work of the Crown.

The worst blemishes, however, upon the form of the bill are the awkwardness of its division into clauses and sub-clauses, and the paucity, the inadequacy, and the inaccuracy of those indispensable aids to the legal searcher—*side-notes*. Sometimes, indeed, there are no side-notes at all, or else a mere repetition of the heading. And in a great number of instances the side-notes are wholly inadequate to the work of guiding the inquirer. The hardship of this defect is all the more conspicuous because, as might be expected where the whole statute-law is compressed into 199 clauses, the clauses are often unwieldly in their magnitude and labyrinthine in their complexity. Clause 104, for example, contains in itself the whole of the law relating to the conversion of conditional purchases and leases into homestead selections. It is nearly two pages long, is divided into sub-clauses *a* to *l*, sub-sub-clauses I. and II., and sub-sub-sub-clauses *a*, *b*, and *c*, and to all this mazes there is not a single clue in the shape of a side-note except one towards the end, and at the beginning a bare repetition of the heading. Clause 168, again, is almost as long, and has but one side-note. These are by no means solitary instances. Either the delusive appearance of brevity produced by keeping the number of clauses small must be frankly discarded, or else the law must be rendered more readily discernible by a liberal apparatus of side-notes.

When all is said, however, this Consolidation Bill is such a monument of industry and special learning that, with the advantage of re-casting on some such lines as those indicated in this article, the bill may be of great service to the public, and reflect credit alike upon the Minister who directed its preparation and the draftsman who has brought it to its present stage.

PRESBYTERIAN GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

EIGHTH DAY, WEDNESDAY.

The Moderator, the Rev. Dr. Bruce, took the chair at 10 a.m.

THE TREASURERSHIP COMMITTEE (RESUMED).

The debate in connection with the deliverance of the treasurership committee was resumed from Saturday. The deliverance moved by Mr. John Cameron, seconded by Mr. Alexander Dean, was as follows:—1. "Receive the report, thank the committee for its careful and successful administration of the financial affairs of the Church. 2. Enjoin upon all congregations to recognise their obligations to the assembly assessment fund, and to the federal assembly fund; and congregations which are in arrears to make every effort to clear them off. 3. Authorise the committee to write off the sum of £3190 5s 3d for the extinction of the balances due by the congregations mentioned for supply during past years; and to further write off the balance against congregations to which subsidies have been granted during the past two years. 4. Authorise the committee to transfer from the general capital fund the sum of £55 16s 7d to the reduction of the overdrafts of the accounts named. 5. Recommend the Women's Missionary Association to arrange for an exhibition and sale of work during the year 1898, the proceeds to be divided equally between the home and foreign mission schemes of the Church. 6. Adopt the recommendations of the committee as to a permanent auxiliary method of raising revenue for the various funds of the Church by regular contributions obtained by collectors; this to be combined for the present with the annual collections taken in the churches."

To clause 3 the Rev. John Walker had moved an addendum,—"Give power to the committee to approach congregations with the view of making such arrangements as it may think wise."

The addendum was carried.

Clause 6 gave rise to a long discussion, and was struck out, and in its place was inserted a clause appointing the committee to take the proposal into consideration and report to next assembly. The deliverance as amended was agreed to.

THE RECOGNITION OF GOD IN THE FEDERATION CONSTITUTION.

The Rev. Dr. Geikie moved,—"That a petition be prepared and transmitted to the two Houses of Parliament most respectfully praying that in the preamble of the constitution of the Australian Commonwealth should be inserted an acknowledgment of the existance and the sovereignty of Almighty God."

A letter to the Moderator from the Moderator of the Presbyterian Assembly in Victoria (the Rev. D. Macdonald) was read, as follows:—"I am instructed by the Commission of the Presbyterian Church of Victoria earnestly to urge that you will use all efforts you deem within your power to secure the recognition of Almighty God and his sovereignty over national life in the preamble to the constitution of the Australian Commonwealth. It was the weight of the New South Wales delegates to the Convention in definite which caused the rejection of the motion for recognition. Mr. Barton is reported to have said that it would lead to religious or party feeling. This is just the opposite of the case. The rejection will assuredly lead to strong dissatisfaction with, and opposition to, the Federal Constitution, while the recognition of God would be acquiesced in and supported by the main mass of the Australian people."

In the discussion, Mr. J. T. Walker, who is not a member of the council, and who was a member of the Convention, was allowed to speak *ex gratia*. He said that the motion proposing the insertion of the recognition of God in the preamble was moved at the close of the session, when five of the New South Wales delegates—Sir Henry Parkes, Messrs. Dibbs, Lyne, and Sir Joseph Abbott had left. The Premier, Mr. Carruthers, Mr. Brunker, and Sir Joseph Abbott informed him they were in favour of the proposal. When the voting took place he (the speaker) was the only one of the New South Wales delegates who supported the motion, but judging from the tone of the debate, and remembering that the motion was only lost by 16 votes to 11 votes, he was sure that if it had been moved earlier it would have been carried. A Roman Catholic, Mr. Glynn, moved the motion, which was supported by Mr. Solomon. Any action the assembly might take should be taken through Parliament in the shape of petitions to that body.

The Rev. W. G. Macmeekin was of opinion that a public meeting would influence Parliament in a definite way. The motion was carried unanimously, with cheers.

MORTGAGES AND SALES.

Leave was given to the trustees of the Wollongong church property to mortgage the manse, glebe, and Church and Hall for a sum not exceeding £800, in order to pay off an indebtedness of £777; to the Waverley Church to mortgage church lands and buildings for a sum not exceeding £1600, for the erection of new church and for no other purpose; to Leura Church to mortgage the manse property at Scone for £300, in order to secure a liability to the bank; to St. James's Church, Burwood, to remortgage the church property, to lower rate of interest. Leave to sell church land at Chatswood and at Ulmarra to procure more suitable sites, was also granted.

A MINISTERIAL ORGANISING SECRETARY.

The home mission committee overtured the assembly in these terms:—"Whereas it would be greatly to the advantage of our Church to have a duly qualified agent to organise in the interests of the various schemes of the General Assembly: It is humbly but earnestly overtured by the said General Assembly by the home mission committee to take the premises into their consideration, and appoint a ministering organising secretary under the direction of the home mission committee, or act otherwise as under the circumstances they may deem fit."

After discussion the motion of the Rev. J. Auld, —"That the overture be received, and that it be remitted to the home mission committee and treasurer to consider the subject in the overture question, especially with regard to ways and means, and report to next assembly"—was agreed to.

THE MODERATOR AND HIS OFFICE.

The Rev. Dr. Cameron moved, and it was agreed to with cheers, "That this assembly has assembly has heard with satisfaction the intention of the Moderator to devote a considerable portion of his time to the visiting of the charges of the Church, and to promote generally the interests of the Church. The assembly cordially accepts the proffered services of the Moderator for the present year."

Overtures from the presbyteries of the Murrumbidgee and Goulburn proposing to extend the duties of the Moderator were dismissed.

EVENING SESSION.

The Moderator took the chair at 7 p.m.

A letter was read from Mr. John Candlish, of Burwood, expressing his own personal sense of gratitude to the assembly for the cordial manner in which the motion of sympathy with the Free Church of Scotland on the recent death of two of her professors in so far as it had reference to his brother, the late Professor Candlish.

The Rev. Dr. White, of Singleton, was heartily congratulated on the attainment of his ministerial jubilee

THE DROUGHT.

The Rev. R. Inglis, of Tarnagar, moved,—"That the assembly expresses deep sympathy with those who are suffering from the drought in the colony, especially with those ministers and officers of the Presbyterian Church who are carrying on the work of the Church in the face of such difficulties." He gave a graphic picture of the drought in his district, and said the present winter threatened to be the worst yet experienced. He had seen a great poverty during three years in Australia as he had ever seen in Scotland.

The resolution was agreed to, and, acting on the suggestion of the Rev. R. S. Paterson a special prayer for rain was offered.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The commission of assembly was appointed for the 7th October.

The Rev. George Keith petitioned the assembly to assign the proposed new charge at Wyalong to the Lachlan presbytery rather than to the Rev. George Keith. The matter was referred to a special committee for report.

THE POSITION OF WOMEN.

The following overture was brought forward:—"Whereas women are communicants and adherents of the Church, and it is desirable that they should share the duties and enjoy the privileges pertaining to their status, so far as is allowed by the laws and constitution of the Church, and whereas many women are well fitted to act as members of committees of management; whereas doubts have been expressed as to their eligibility for election to committees of management; and whereas a desire has been expressed that women should be elected: It is hereby humbly overtured by the Rev. George MacInnes, M.A., B.D., and others, unto the Venerable the General Assembly to pass the following declaratory act, or to deal otherwise in the premises as to the wisdom of the assembly may seem expedient, viz.:—"The General Assembly hereby declares that there is nothing in the laws or the constitution of the Church to prevent women otherwise qualified from being elected to and sitting and acting as members of committees of management."

The Rev. G. MacInnes said that the position of women in the Church was one which was forcing *itself forward in no uncertain way*. But the overture was really a very small thing. By the reception which he had received it one would imagine that he was coming forward in a Garibaldi shirt and cap of liberty to throw dynamite among the assembly. The overture was very mild. They were not going to discuss the question of women's rights, but simply to declare that there was nothing to prevent a woman having a seat on the committee of management of a church. If it was declared not to be so, another step would have to be taken. The committee of management was not a court of the Church.

Dr. Cameron: It is a deacons' court.

The Rev. J. Ferguson: No.

The Rev. G. MacInnes: It was what it called itself, a committee. Where was there any reason extant why a committee of management should not include women as well as men? Women as well as men were appointed to other committees. The women of the Church collected the money that supported the Church. What did the men do?—they counted it.

The Clerk: They give it.

The Rev. G. MacInnes: Women should have a voice in the disposal of the money they collected. He moved,—"That the overture be sustained."

The Rev. R. Inglis seconded the overture pro forma.

There was no debate, and the vote was taken by the calling of the roll. The motion was rejected by 38 votes to 24 votes. Many prominent members did not vote.

RELIGION AND MORALS.

The Rev. J. Alwyn Ewen submitted the report of the religion and morals committee. The report stated that evangelistic services had been held at various centres throughout the year. In many instances there had been cases of decided conversion. The results upon the whole were spoken of as satisfactory. The circular bringing prominently before the members and adherents the subjects of family religion, Sabbath observance, and church attendance had been issued. The question of religious instruction in Public schools became more and more pressing. Clerks of presbytery had been written to for information of the work done within its bounds, but the result had not been encouraging. The committee had nominated the following, viz.:—Revs. J. Walker, J. Ferguson, T. W. Dunn, and J. Lamont, F.I.S., and Messrs. J. H. Goodlet and David Walker to represent this Church on the Council of the Churches. Appended was a report of the Fellowship Union.

The Rev. J. Alwyn Ewen moved the deliverance receiving the report, agreeing to the recommendations of the committee, and reinstructing presbyteries to give special attention to religious instruction in Public schools, and to see that the provisions of the Act were, as far as possible, taken full advantage of.

The Rev. J. H. Terras seconded the deliverance.

On the motion of the Rev. J. Lamont the committee was instructed to consider the advisability of forming an association of those who might be willing to give instruction in Public schools.

The Rev. J. Alwyn Ewen proposed, and it was so resolved,—"That the assembly instruct the committee to arrange a conference on Christian life and work or a kindred subject for the next assembly."

The deliverance as amended was agreed to.

The assembly at 9.50 p.m. adjourned to 10 o'clock the following morning.

PALACE EMPORIUM PROVIDENT SOCIETY.

The annual meeting of the above society took place in the Oddfellows' Temple,

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.—May 12.

Mararoa (s.), 2488 tons, Captain H. W. H. Chatfield, from Wellington. Passengers—Misses Mackenzie and nurse, G. Macpherson, Hungerford, Colcham (2), M'Lauchlan, J. Greenop, Monroe, Harris, Bonnington, Fisher, Arnold, Morgan, Scott, C. Harris, Redwood (4), Chapman, Moye, Sheppard, Humphrey, Shell, Hannah, Brichnell, Warren, Edgar, Cupples, Mesdames M'Donald, W. Henderson, Hungerford, Perry, Ward, A. Wilkinson, Brettagh, Schroder, Smith, T. Watson, Aulesbrook and child, Masters, Anson and child, M'Kenzie, Hay, Shields and child, Wilkie, Eberle, Madeley, Munn, Peat, Redwood, Alexander, Lowe and infant, Hopper, Solomon, Cargill, Hannah, Myers and child, C. Johnston, Tanzin, Misses, W. Smith, Blair, Trimble, T. Pollard and son, Ward, Quenley, N. Mackenzie, Hughes, Robinson, G. J. Robertson, J. T. Wilson, H. Lee, Bradbury, F. Harris, Hamilton, Weston (4), Wadsworth, T. Watson, Anson, Harris, Geo. Talbot, Mackenzie, R. M'Intyre, G. Lister, Everett, J. Parker, Wilkie, W. R. Holdship, E. O. Hamilton, Madeley, Munn, Redwood and 8 sons, L. Nathan, Castleberg, Forbes, Hunt, A. Weiner, J. Hopper, Thos. Hopper, Solomon, D. Prat, A. D. Wilkinson, L. Schatz, Hannah, W. Watson, H. G. Warren, Harry Price, C. Johnston, A. H. Miles, W. H. Greenway, J. Lane, Master Mackenzie and M. Griffin, and 93 in the steerage. F. W. Jackson, agent.

Mackay (s.), 400 tons, Captain James Pearse, from Richmond River 10th May. Passengers—Mesdames Byrne, Johnson, Pyers, Walsh, Misses Blundell, Pyers (4), Mr. Gibson Booth, Master Pyers, and one in the second cabin. North Coast S. N. Company, Limited, agents.

Newcastle (s.), 1251 tons, Captain Thompson, from Newcastle. Newcastle and Hunter River S.S. Company, agents.

Augusta (s.), 398 tons, Captain L. Tulloch, from Tweed River. Passengers—Mrs. Peek and child, Mr. King, and Mrs. Suttie. A. H. M. Corrigan and Co., agents.

Electra (s.), 330 tons, Captain Edward Morrell, from Port Macquarie 12th May. Passengers—Mrs. Ochs, Mrs. N. Cass, Mr. H. Hungerford, Mr. F. Buckle, Mr. J. Cobban. North Coast S. N. Company, Limited, agents.

Wyrallah (s.), 550 tons, Captain W. R. Nelson, from Clarence River 11th May. North Coast S. N. Company, Limited, agents.

DEPARTURES.—May 12.

La Serena (s.), for Fremantle: 2038 sheep, 141 pigs, 201 bullocks, 41 cows.

Fiado (s.), for Noumea: 97 bags chrome ore, 30 casks beef, 1 case electrical goods.

Tamaroa (s.), for Auckland: 485 bags guano, 10 cases bicycles, 39 cases beer, 30 cases potassine, 35 cases sls. 19 kegnibs tubes, 159 cases soap, 5 cases pumps, 91 boxes tin plates, 20 pieces oregon, 132 bars iron, 40 pieces redwood, 20 cases acid, 70 bales p. kapok, 11 kegs rivets, 14 cases zinc, 200 cases brandy, 86 grindstones, 19 horses, 25 boxes tinplates, 200 bides, 42 packages agricultural implements, 2 cases lampware, 19 cases shoeware and woollens, 30 cases nails, 50 cases schnapps, 6 cases cartridges, 5 casks fuse, 106 kegnuts copper, 166 boxes candles, 18 kegs paint, 200 bags salt, 47 boxes ploughs, 8 cases matches, 148 sheets tea, 1400 cases salmon, 299 cases paper, 997 bags bonedust, 1414 bags bones, 243 packages merchandise, and sundries.

TELEGRAPHIC SHIPPING NEWS.

BRISBANE.—Arrivals: May 12, Yamashiro Maru (s.), from Yokohama, via ports; Tyrian (s.), from Townsville. Departure: May 12, Lady Musgrave (s.), for Bundaberg; Tyrian (s.), for Sydney and Melbourne. The Changsha left Moreton Bay this afternoon for Sydney.

MARYBOROUGH.—Arrivals: May 12, Derwent (s.), from Brisbane; Burwah (s.), from Rockhampton.

GLADSTONE.—Departure: May 12, Eurimbla (s.), for Rockhampton.

KEPPEL BAY.—Arrivals: May 12, Duke of Buckingham (s.), from Brisbane; Cintra (s.), from Cooktown, via ports. Departure: May 12, Cintra (s.), for Brisbane.

TOWNSVILLE.—Departure: May 13, Franklin (s.), for Cairns.

YAMBA.—Departure: May 12, Kallatina (s.), for Sydney; successor M. A. Doran, for Westport, New Zealand.

NEWCASTLE.—Arrivals: May 12, Undaunted (s.), Manoa (s.), Kembla (s.), Timaru (s.), Southern Belle, barque, from Sydney. Departures: May 12, Easby (s.), for Melbourne, with 1800 tons coal; Excelsior, ketch, for Lake Macquarie; Rockdown (s.), for Melbourne, with 2030 tons coal; Cudgeon, schooner, for the Tweed River; Undaunted (s.), for Port Macquarie; Mount Stuart, barque, for Panama, with 1770 tons coal; Strathavon (s.), for Melbourne, with 2620 tons coal; Alice (s.), Phœbe (s.), Tamar (s.), Namoi (s.), Timaru (s.). Advance, schooner, for Sydney.

GABO ISLAND.—Passed: May 12, Hindustan (s.) at 4.45 p.m., north; Marloo (s.) at 10.45 a.m., Wodonga (s.) at 11.30 a.m., Taiuan, s.) at 12.5 p.m., west; H.M.S. Mildura at 10.45 a.m., south.

MELBOURNE.—Arrivals: May 12, Buninyong (s.), from Newcastle; Himalaya, R.M.S., from Sydney; Taluna (s.), from Hobart; Brisbane (s.), from Newcastle; John Lewis, ketch, from Adelaide; Ethel H. T., ketch, from Gippsland Lakes. Departures: May 12, Argus (s.), Lewis (s.), for Sydney; Barooo (s.), for Western Australia; Glenelg (s.), for Strahan; Louis Walsh, ship, for Newcastle.

ADELAIDE.—Arrivals: May 12, Kurrawna, barque, from Liverpool; Orlando, H.M.S., from Sydney. Sailed: May 12, Orizaba (s.), for London; Waroonga (s.), for Fremantle.

(FROM THE BOARD AT THE TELEGRAPH OFFICE.)

RICHMOND HEADS.—Departures: May 12, Oakland (s.), at 3.35 p.m., and Tomki (s.), at 4.50 p.m., for Sydney. Passed: May 12, Fitzroy (s.), at 2.35 p.m., south.

CLARENCE HEADS.—Departures: May 12, Kallatina (s.), at 2.45 p.m., for Sydney; M. A. Doran, schooner, at 3.30 p.m., for New Zealand.

WOOLGOOLGA.—Arrival: May 12, Wollumbin (s.), at 4.30 p.m., from Coff's Harbour. Passed: May 12, Arawatta and Barrabool (s.), at 5 p.m., north.

COFF'S HARBOUR.—Departure: May 12, Wollumbin (s.), at 5 p.m., for Tweed River.

MACLEAY HEADS.—Arrival: May 12, Pelican (s.) at 7.15 a.m., from Nambucca River. Departures: May 12, Rosedale (s.) at 3.25 p.m., Burrawong (s.) at 4 p.m.

TRIAL BAY.—May 12, Burrawong (s.) and Rosedale (s.), in bay. Departure: May 12, Foster, ketch, at 5.30 p.m.

SMOKY CAPE.—Passed: May 12, Wollumbin (s.) at 7.15 a.m., Barrabool (s.) and Arawatta (s.) at 11 a.m., north; Australian (s.) at 12.30 p.m., south.

PORT MACQUARIE.—Departures: May 12, Amy Moir, ketch, at 6 a.m., Electra (s.) at 5.30 a.m., for Sydney. Passed: May 12, Australian (s.) at 3.40 p.m., and City of Grafton (s.) at 5.45 p.m., north.

CROWDY HEAD.—Passed: May 12, an A.U.S.N. Company's steamer at 2.30 p.m., north.

MANNING HEADS.—Arrival: May 12, Corahi (s.) at 6 a.m., from Sydney.

CAPE HAWKE.—Arrivals: May 12, Sarah Fenwick (s.) at 3 a.m., Marion Fenwick (s.) at 6.15 a.m.

SEAL ROCKS.—Passed: May 12, Spray, yacht, at 9.35 a.m., and Kurraba (s.) at 12.45 p.m., north.

CAMDEN HAVEN.—May 12, schooners Jessie Sinclair, Eclipse, and steamer Billie Barlow, bar bound.

TRIAL BAY.—Departure: May 12, Rosedale (s.) at 5.30 p.m., for Sydney.

PORT STEPHENS.—Passed: May 12, Wyrallah (s.) at 10.30 a.m., and Electra (s.) at 1 p.m., south; Undaunted (s.), at 2 p.m., north.

LAKE MACQUARIE.—Arrivals: May 12, Excelsior, ketch, at 4.30 p.m., from Newcastle. Departures: May 12, Ethel May, ketch, and Progress, ketch, at 4 p.m., for Sydney.

CATHERINE HILL BAY.—Departure: May 12, Illaroo (s.), at 9 a.m., for Sydney.

BARRANJOEY.—Departures: May 12, Dora Maud, ketch, at 9.30 a.m., Ellen, cutter, at 8.10 a.m., Tropic Bird, ketch, at 9.30 a.m., Magpie, ketch, at 1 p.m., Kate (s.) at 2 p.m. Arrival: May 12, Star of Peace, ketch, at 5 p.m.

BELLAMBI.—Arrival: May 12, Bergs (s.) at 7 a.m., from Sydney.

WOLLONGONG.—Arrivals: May 12, Albatross, schooner, at 9.15 a.m., from Botany; Saxonia (s.) at 6 a.m. and Currajong (s.) at 1 p.m., from Sydney. Departure: May 12, Rally Bayley, schooner, at 9.30 a.m., for Sydney.

PORT KEMBLA.—Departure: May 12, Palmerston (s.) at 8.30 p.m., for Sydney.

KIAMA.—Departure: May 12, Civility (s.) at noon, for Sydney.

BROKEN BAY.—Arrivals: May 12, Coomaderry (s.) at 4.45 a.m. and Illawarra (s.) at 1 p.m., from Sydney. Passed: May 12, a large ship at 5 p.m., south.

JERVIS BAY.—Passed: May 12, a barque in offing at 7 a.m., bound south; Andania (s.) at 9.45 a.m., north; Bonnie Dundee, schooner, at 5.30 p.m., south.

BATEMAN'S BAY.—Arrival: May 12, Peterborough (s.) at 11.30 a.m., from Sydney.

BERMAGUI.—Arrival: May 12, Bega (s.) at 4.10 p.m., from Tathra. Departure: May 12, Bega (s.) at 8.45 p.m., for Sydney.

WOLLONGONG.—Arrival: May 12, Allowrie (s.) at 6 p.m., from Sydney. Departure: May 12, Currajong (s.) at 7 p.m., for Sydney.

EDEN.—Departure: May 12, Bega (s.) at 8.30 a.m., for Sydney.

WILSON'S PROMONTORY.—Passed inwards: May 12, Brabeena (s.) at 9.50 a.m. Passed outwards: May 12, Federal (s.) at 7 a.m., Cuphona, barque, at 1.50 p.m.

GABO ISLAND.—Passed: May 12, Mildura, R.M.S., at 10.45 a.m., south; Marloo (s.) at 10.45 a.m., Wodonga (s.) at 11.30 a.m., and Taiuan (s.) at 1.35 p.m., west; a topsail schooner at 1.40 p.m., north; Hindustan (s.) at 4.45 p.m., north.

HOBART.—Departure: May 12, Wild Wave, barque, at 5.10 a.m., for Port Pirie.

STRAHAN (TAS.).—Arrival: May 11, J. C. Taylor, ketch, during night, from Melbourne. Departure: May 12, Grafton (s.) at 10.15 a.m., for Melbourne.

STANLEY (TAS.).—Arrival: May 12, Giances (s.) at 9 a.m., from Melbourne. Departure: May 12, Wellington (s.) at 9 a.m., for Melbourne.

SEMAPHORE (S.A.).—Arrival: May 12, Orlando, H.M.S., at 1 p.m., from Sydney. Departure: May 12, Orizaba, R.M.S., at 1.15 p.m., for London.

ALBANY (W.A.).—Arrivals: May 11, Innamincka (s.) at 11 p.m., from Melbourne. May 12, Aberdeen (s.) at 9.45 a.m., from Melbourne.

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METEOROLOGICAL REPORTS.

Observatory, Wednesday.

Average annual rainfall for 58 years, 49·26in.

Average for 39 years from 1st January to 30th April, 20·01.

Total rainfall from 1st January, 1897, to 12th May, 13·29in.

Sydney standard barometer at 9 a.m. to-day, 30·09in; at 9 p.m., 30·02.

Temperature.—Maximum, 72°; minimum, 52°; at 9 p.m., 62°.

Humidity.—9 a.m., 84°; 3 p.m., 53°.

STATE OF BAROMETERS AT 9 A.M.

Carnarvon, 29·98; Gascoigne, 30·00; Perth, 30·16; Esperance Bay, 30·10; Bucla, 30·14; Streaky Bay, 30·07; Adelaide, 30·05; Robe, 30·00; Portland, 29·96; Melbourne, 29·96; Wilson's Promontory, 29·94; Gabo Island, 29·98; Cape St. George, 30·08; Sydney, 30·09; Newcastle, 30·13; Port Macquarie, 30·18; Clarence Heads, 30·17; Brisbane, 30·17; Rockhampton, 30·13; Mackay, 30·10; Cooktown, 30·05.

SYNOPSIS AT 9 A.M., BY MR. H. C. RUSSELL, GOVERNMENT ASTRONOMER.

New South Wales.—Cloudy, dull to threatening generally.

Western Australia.—Fine and clear to fine but cloudy generally.

South Australia.—Generally fine, but more or less cloudy throughout.

Victoria and Straits.—Cloudy and unsettled generally; showery on parts of coast.

Tasmania.—Cloudy more or less generally.

Queensland.—Cloudy and unsettled generally.

Central and Northern Australia.—Cloudy in central parts, fine in the north.

New Zealand.—Showery on the north and north-west coast, in other parts fine and clear.

New Caledonia.—Fine, but cloudy generally.

RAIN HAS FALLEN IN PREVIOUS 24 HOURS TO 9 A.M.

Queensland.—Light in eastern and southern districts. Adavale, 0·03; Cardwell, 0·04; Cooktown, 0·11; Geraldton, 0·23; Gladstone, 0·16; Maryborough, 0·02; Rockhampton, 0·63; Taroom, 0·75; Townsville, 0·02.

South Australia.—Very light and scattered in southern districts.

RIVER REPORTS AT 9 A.M.

Albury, 8in.; Balranald, low; Bingera, low; Bourke, 6ft. 11in.; Brewarrina, 1ft. 8in.; Bunbaldine, 8in.; Euston, 4ft. 10in.; Forbes, 7in.; Goodooga, low; Gundagai, 1ft. 3in.; Hay, low; Hillston, 1ft. 7½in., falling; Louth, low; Manilla, low; Menindie, 9ft. 9in.; Mogil Mogil, low; Mungundi, 1ft. 11in.; Pooncarie, 3ft. 9in.; Tilpa, low; Toorawell, 3in.; Wagga Wagga, 1ft.; Walgett, 1ft. 8in.; Wilcannia, 2ft. 5in.; Yarrara, low; Barwon River at Walgett, low; Namoi River at Walgett, low; Goondiwindi, low.

9 P.M. OBSERVATIONS.

Dubbo, N.W., fine, 70°; Wilcannia, N., cloudy, 68°; Yamba, calm, cloudy, 72°; Deniliquin, N.W., cloudy, 60°; Forbes, N., cloudy, 62°; Newcastle, N.W., fine, 70°; Westwood, W.S.W., fine 68°; Eden, N.E., fine, 70°; Sydney, calm, cloudy, 72°.

COASTAL WEATHER REPORTS AT 9 P.M.

Tweed Heads, calm, cloudy, sea moderate; Byron Bay, calm, fine, sea smooth; Richmond, N., cloudy, sea smooth; Clarence Heads, E.N.E., light, fine, sea smooth; Woodgoolga, N., light, cloudy, sea smooth; Bellinger Heads, N.E., fresh, fine, sea smooth; Nambucca Heads, N.E., light, dull, sea moderate; Macleay Heads, N.E., cloudy, sea moderate; Port Macquarie, N.E., light, fine, sea smooth; Manning Heads, W., light, fine, sea smooth; Seal Rocks, N., light, fine, sea smooth; Port Stephens, N.E., light, fine, sea smooth; Newcastle, N.E., fresh, fine, sea smooth; Lake Macquarie Heads, N.E., light, fine, sea smooth; Catherine Hill Bay, N.E., light, fine, sea smooth; Barranjoey, S., strong, fine, sea smooth; South Head, S., light, fine, sea smooth; Wollongong, N.W., light, showery, sea smooth; Kiama, W.S.W., light, cloudy, sea smooth; Crookhaven Heads, N.E., light, cloudy, sea smooth; Jervis Bay, calm, like rain, sea smooth; Ulladulla, calm, fine, sea smooth; Batemen's Bay, calm, fine, sea smooth; Moruya, N.W., light, fine, sea smooth; Eden, calm, cloudy, sea smooth; Green Cape, N., light, cloudy, sea slight; Gabo Island, N., light, cloudy, sea slight.

FORECASTS AT 4 P.M.

New South Wales.—Light variable winds, weather cloudy generally, with some light rains and thunderstorms.—H. C. Russell.

Victoria.—Fine except for isolated showers in coastal districts: light S.W. winds, and smooth or moderate sea.—P. D. Russell.

South Australia.—Fine throughout, with southerly to S.E. winds; barometers rising.—C. Todd.

SPECIAL FORECASTS FOR AUSTRALASIA AND OCEANA, BY MR. CLEMENT L. WRAGGE.

Western Australia.—Cloudy to passing showers on the seaboard between Geraldton and Eucla; fine elsewhere.

Northern Territory.—Mostly fine, with times of cloud.

South Australia.—Fine, except for isolated rain south from the parallel of Port Augusta, including the Mount Lofty ranges.

Queensland.—Conditions are becoming less favourable for any general participation, but we expect further rain along the seaboard and scattered at inland stations, with a tendency to electric disturbances; the weather will shortly clear up; sea moderate.

New South Wales.—Cloudy weather is still expected to prevail, the scattered rain is yet expected over the country, but clearing conditions are likely within two days; fresh to rough seas and strong winds south from Sydney; rough weather over the Tasman sea.

Victoria and Tasmania.—Cloudy generally, with rain here and there, strong winds in parts, sea rough in places.

New Zealand.—Showery, strong; and squally, with rough seas, especially near the Bluff.

New Caledonia.—Chiefly fine, with some cloud; showery over the mountains.

ASTRONOMICAL MEMORANDA FOR THURSDAY, MAY 13.

Sun rises at 6.9, sets at 5.5; Moon, 2.40 p.m., 2.30 a.m.; Mercury, 7.49 a.m., 5.36 p.m.; Venus, 8.1 a.m., 3.49 p.m.; Mars, 11.30 a.m., 9.26 p.m.; Jupiter, 1.14 p.m., 12.14 a.m.; Saturn, 3.23 p.m., 7.7 a.m.

New moon, 2nd; full moon, 18th.

High water at Port Denison, 5.30 a.m., 5.47 p.m.

THE MAILS.

THIS DAY.

South Australia.—Overland, 5.30 p.m.

Victoria.—Overland, 5.30 and 7 p.m.

Queensland.—Overland, 4.45 p.m.

Lord Howe Island.—Despatch, 8 a.m.

British New Guinea, Solomon Islands, and New Britain, via Newcastle.—Titus, 8 a.m.

Valparaiso, via Newcastle.—Bluebell, 8 a.m.

Hebridean and Southern Ports of N.Z., via Newcastle, Liddesdale, 8 a.m.

Montague Island.—Murray, noon.

Somerbaya, Singapore, and Penang, via Brisbane.—Duke of Buckingham, 4.45 p.m.

British New Guinea, via Brisbane and Cooktown.—Yarralla, 4.45 p.m.

Western Australia, via Adelaide.—Barooo, 5.30 p.m.

Macleay River.—Burrawong, 9.30 p.m.

FRIDAY.

Noumea, via Newcastle.—Fiado, 8 a.m.

Bellinger River.—Rosedale, 9 a.m.

Clyde River.—Bega, 9 a.m.

Manning River.—Corahi, 9 a.m.

Dunedin, &c., N.Z., via Melbourne and Hobart.—Taluna, 5.30 p.m.

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SIXTY-THIRD ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS.

With the Accounts for the Half-year to 12th October, 1896, Presented to the Proprietors at the Annual General Meeting, held on Thursday, 1st April, 1897.

REPORT.

The Directors submit to the Proprietors the Balance-sheet as at 12th October last, with the profit account for the half-year to that date. After providing for rebate on bills current, for British and colonial rates and taxes, and for all bad and doubtful debts, the net profit for the half-year amounted to £40,399 10s 6d. The addition of £12,222 4s 5d brought forward from the previous half-year gives a disposable balance of £52,621 15s 11d, of which the dividend declared will absorb £40,000, leaving £12,621 15s 11d to be carried forward to next account.

The season covered by the operations of the half-year did not bear out the favourable prospects anticipated. The cereal crops were much damaged by the want of rain, which caused a materially diminished yield, insufficient for the requirements of the colonies, and necessitated large imports. The yield of wool was also diminished through the same cause.

The frozen meat industry has been much depressed, and the prices realised have been unprecedentedly low. Efforts are now being made by a committee to effect a more complete organisation, and it is hoped that beneficial results will follow.

The present season has opened more favourably, rain has fallen generally, and the prospects of the squatters and farmers are thus brighter. The general outlook shows signs of improvement, and there is evidence that properties are more easily disposed of than has been the case for some time past. There is reason, therefore, to hope that a better demand for banking accommodation will now arise.

The dividend declared is at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum, or £1 per share for the half-year, and will be payable, free of income tax, in London and in the colonies, on the 2nd April.

W. A. M'ARTHUR, Chairman.

4 Threadneedle-street, London, 25th March, 1897.

PROFIT ACCOUNT, FROM APRIL 13, 1896, TO OCTOBER 12, 1896.

Undivided profit, April 13, 1896 ... ... £52,222 4 5
Less dividend, October, 1896 ... ... 40,000 0 0
£12,222 4 5

Profit for the half-year to October 12, 1896, after deducting rebate on bills current at balance date (£12,093 12s 6d), and making provision for all bad and doubtful debts ... £148,659 19 5
LESS:

1. Charges of Management—
Colonial—
Salaries and allowances to the colonial staff, including the superintendent's department and 142 branches and agencies ... £56,421 16 2
General expenses, including rent, repairs, stationery, travelling, &c. 19,971 4 2
London—
Salaries 6,021 7 8
General expenses 1,027 13 4
£83,312 0 4

2. Rates and Taxes—
Colonial £5,309 14 10
London 1,678 13 7
£10,068 8 5
£103,380 8 9
Leaving available for dividend £40,399 10 8
£52,621 15 1

BALANCE-SHEET, OCTOBER 12, 1896.

LIABILITIES. Dr.

Circulation £474,172 0 0
Deposits 15,635,399 18 9
Bills payable and other liabilities 1,805,627 11 1
£16,135,169 4 10
Capital £1,600,000 0 0
Reserve fund 800,000 0 0
(Of which £800,000 is invested in 2½ per cent. Consols.)
Profit account; undivided balance ... 52,621 15 1
2,452,621 15 1
£18,587,790 19 11

ASSETS. Cr.

Specie, bullion, and cash balances ... £3,902,255 19 6
Loans at call and at short notice ... 1,338,000 0 0
British and Colonial Government securities ... 715,197 9 8
£5,952,493 8 8
Bills receivable; advances on securities, and other assets ... 12,190,831 12 1
Bank premises in Australia, New Zealand, and London 444,095 19 8
£18,587,790 19 11

F. H. BLOGG, Accountant.

R. W. JEANS, pro Manager.
J. LAIRD, pro Secretary.

We have examined the cash and securities in London, and the London books, and have verified the transfers from the several branches in the colonies, and we beg to report that, in our opinion, the foregoing is a full and fair balance-sheet of the bank, and that it exhibits a true and correct view of the state of the bank's affairs as shown by the books.

London, March 15, 1897.

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The Sydney Morning Herald.

THURSDAY, MAY 13, 1897.

Mr. Edmund Barton, Q.C., took his seat in the Legislative Council yesterday, and was warmly welcomed.

The Supply Bill was read the first time.

In the Legislative Assembly a good deal of time was taken up with a motion for adjournment.

After some points of order had been disposed of Mr. Carruthers introduced the Federation Bill and detailed the provisions of the measure. The debate was then adjourned for a week.

In the House of Commons on Tuesday Mr. A. J. Balfour stated that the Powers had offered to mediate between Greece and Turkey, and that Greece had accepted the offer.

He added that he was convinced that Greece would agree to autonomy for Crete.

The Turks are closing round Domoko, where the Greeks are reported to occupy an impregnable position.

A proclamation has been issued by the Duke of Sparta, the Greek Commander-in-Chief, declaring that the Greek position at Domoko is so strong that the army is invincible. He adds that the Greeks will soon assume the offensive.

The Greek Government and the people in Athens are feverishly anxious for an armistice.

Two of the Duke of Sparta's appointments have been cancelled by the Government, and he has been further blamed for his conduct of the war.

The Greek fleet is off Cape Almyro, and is supporting Colonel Smolenski. The fleet has bombarded Syra, in Epirus.

There is much illness amongst the Greek troops, and great discontent prevails. The Greek commissariat arrangements have collapsed, and the soldiers are subsisting upon only bread, cheese, and water.

The Turkish forces are still being mobilised on a large scale.

Eighty thousand refugees are herded together at Lamia, on the Thermopylæ side of the Othrys Mountains.

They are exposed to the heavy rains, and are suffering great privation from the bitterly cold weather. The refugees are relying on private charity for food.

Mr. C. S. Dicken, C.M.G., Acting-Agent-General for Queensland, has made representations to the War Office to the effect that Queensland can supply horses better adapted for the remount service than can be obtained from the Argentine Republic.

There have been a few dealings at ½ to ¼ premium in the scrip of the new Western Australian 3 per cent. loan, tenders for which are to be opened on the 14th instant.

On Tuesday the Duke of Fife was examined before the select committee of the House of Commons which is inquiring into the circumstances of the Jameson raid.

In reply to Mr. Labouchere, M.P., the Duke denied that he had any knowledge of the intended raid before he disposed of certain shares.

During his examination a scene occurred, and Mr. Labouchere was called to order.

An outline of the official programme of the Diamond Jubilee celebrations in London is given elsewhere.

Mr. Chamberlain has assigned to the Agents-General of the Australasian colonies seats for 900 colonists in the vicinity of St. Paul's Cathedral on the occasion of the commemoration service. Visitors from the Australian colonies have been allotted 540 seats.

Mr. G. H. Reid, the Premier of New South Wales, left Adelaide by the R.M.S. Orizaba for London yesterday. There was a large gathering at the wharf to bid him farewell.

A creep has occurred in the Greta Colliery, and no work has been done in the mine in consequence since Tuesday.

Yesterday morning the body of the Rev. William M'Crae, a Presbyterian clergyman, was found floating in Woolloomooloo Bay. He came to Sydney about a week ago from Gunnedah, and there was money due to him from the church. At the inquest an open verdict was returned.

At yesterday's sitting of the Presbyterian General Assembly it was unanimously resolved to petition both Houses of Parliament praying that in the preamble of the constitution of the Australian Commonwealth should be inserted an acknowledgment of the existence and the sovereignty of Almighty God.

Lord Hampden has been gazetted a Knight of Grace of the Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem.

At the Sydney wool sales yesterday 1421 bales were catalogued, the sales amounting to 2715. Competition though occasionally brisk was not well sustained at all times, and prices were irregular.

Business in investments in the Stock and Share market yesterday was quiet, and devoid of any prominent feature. New South Wales Funded Stock was rather dearer. All other Government securities remained steady.

The improved outlook in the Transvaal and the prospects of the conclusion of peace between Greece and Turkey caused a sharp rise on Tuesday on the London Stock Exchange in African mining companies' shares. The rise was reflected upon Australian securities, and all stocks are hardening.

Trade in the Import market is kept in check by the dry weather. Fair sales of local and imported flour were made yesterday at current rates. Wheat was firm.

At Darling Harbour yesterday 128 bales of wool were manifested to arrive.

In the Mining market yesterday the news from London of an improvement in the market there caused a firmer tone, principally in Western Australian gold stocks. A fair amount of business was done.

The Customs revenue received yesterday amounted to £3672.

At

of Denis Leape, whose death occurred in the Sydney Hospital early yesterday morning. It was stated in evidence that the deceased had fallen in the street in the vicinity of the Willow Tree Inn, Castlereagh-street on Tuesday evening, and was taken to the Sydney Hospital in an unconscious condition. According to the medical evidence the deceased's skull had been fractured. A verdict of accidental death was recorded.

SUDDEN DEATH AT NORTH SYDNEY.—Mr. William Palmer Moore, an old resident of North Sydney, died suddenly at his residence in West-street on Tuesday morning, at the age of 66. The deceased, who was a solicitor, had been suffering from heart disease for some years, and had been attended by Dr. Clarke. It appears that at 8 a.m. he was breakfasting with the members of his family, and appeared in his usual health. He went to the kitchen for a cup of hot water. Shortly afterwards a smashing of china was heard, and, on seeking the cause, the deceased was found on the floor dead. The deceased was a prominent member of the St. Leonards' Bowling Club, and as late as Monday last played upon the green.

THE JAPANESE AS MEAT EATERS.—It has been written that no man by giving thought unto himself can add one cubit to his stature, but the enterprising Jap does not despair, and an ordinance has gone forth exhorting the people to eat more freely of meat with a view to increasing the average height of the race. Whatever results may follow the method proposed, they are certain to be a long time coming; but it is only another instance of the determination on the part of the Japanese not to let the slightest chance slip for attaining all the advantages which they see, or think they see, in Western civilisation. To so great an extent, indeed, have the Japanese adopted European methods and models (says the *St. James's Gazette*) that an enterprising Buddhist has adapted the bicycle to serve the needs of the praying-wheel as used by the followers of his creed. Instead of attaching the written prayer to the customary wheel, which is generally turned by a convenient stream of running water, the new vogue is to fix the prayer to the hub of the bicycle wheel, so that the faster the rider can pedal the better he can pray. Although there appears to be a spice of sacrilege in the practice, it is apparently catching on, for rumour has it that American firms are already preparing machines with Buddhist collects embossed on the tyres, so that the bicycle will become an instrument of pleasure and a prayer-book combined.

The Mayor of Waverley, Alderman A. C. Hewlett, J.P., has forwarded his resignation of the office of Mayor to the acting council clerk.

A meeting was held at Parramatta North on Tuesday evening in reference to the proposal to lease a portion of the Parramatta Park to the King's School authorities. It was admitted that the school was a valued institution, but the proposal to shut the people out of a portion of their park was opposed. It was decided to requisition the Mayor to call a public meeting to consider the question.

Mr. Price, M.L.A., has received a communication from Mr. R. Hickson, Under-Secretary and Commissioner of Roads, stating that the Minister for Public Works does not see his way to approve of the proposed expenditure in deepening the bars at the entrance to the Northern river.

A ceremony of a pleasing character took place at Messrs. James Ingiis and Co.'s warehouse last Friday evening, when Mr. Cox, the accountant, was made the recipient of a handsome marble timepiece on the occasion of his marriage. Mr. Goldie presided over the meet of the evening, which was drunk with musical honours.

A game of living chess, conducted by Mr. Crane and Mr. Jacobson, proved a great attraction at the Australian Fair last evening. The game resulted in a draw.

It is announced that a sale of work will be opened in the Parish Hall, Mosman, to-day, by the Ven. Archdeacon Langley.

One the oldest landmarks in Randwick—St. Jude's school hall—is at present in process of demolition.

The *Windsor Magazine* for April opens with an instalment of Mr. Hall Caine's new romance. Mr. J. Holt Schooling devotes his graphic treatment by diagrams to John Bull's Balance-sheet. Mr. Arthur Morrison supplies one of his interesting stories in the series called the "Dorrington Dead Box," and there are other articles of interest.

In another column particulars will be found of the arrangements made in connection with the meeting to be held in the Town Hall on Monday next for the formation of a hospital for consumptives.

A quadrille party will be held in the Exhibition Building this evening, to raise funds for the relief of two men who have been reduced in circumstances by protracted illness.

The presentation made at the Leichhardt Primitive Methodist Church on Monday was to Mr. George Pearson, secretary to the Sabbath school. Mrs. Smaith performed the ceremony, on behalf of the teachers.

A special service was held by the Salvation Army at the barracks in Goulburn-street last night. Major Westbourg delivered an address in which he appealed to the audience to subscribe liberally towards the foundation of homes for distressed men and women.

Miss Constance Evelyn, who was to have sailed for England by the Himalaya, was forced to postpone her departure owing to the illness of her mother (Mrs. Taylor), whose sufferings reached a acute stage the night before the vessel sailed. Mrs. Taylor, who was carefully tended in private quarters at the Sydney Hospital, was released from pain by death on Tuesday night, her daughter remaining with her to the end. Much sympathy has been expressed from all sides with the young contralto in her sad loss.

Breakfast was given at the City Night Refuge and Soup Kitchen, Kent-street, to 114 men on Sunday. During the past week 2262 meals have been supplied and shelter afforded to 922 persons. Relief was also given to 238 women and 189 children.

Eugene M'Carthy, 20, storeman, residing at 31 Cleveland-street, Darlington, was taken to the Sydney Hospital yesterday suffering from a fracture of the right shoulder. It was said that he had fallen a distance of 15ft.

Constable Campbell yesterday found a Chinaman named Ah Chay, who is a ragpicker, residing at Retreat-street, Alexandria, in a state of acute suffering. He was taken to the Sydney Hospital. It is supposed that he was suffering from the effects of opium.

The following cases were yesterday admitted to the Balmain Cottage Hospital:—George Brennan was working at the Jubilee Dock, Johnstone's Bay, when a block of wood fell, which fractured one leg; John Rourke, aged 17 years, was riding a horse along Renwick-street, Leichhardt, when it stumbled, which caused Rourke to break one leg.

AGRICULTURAL SHOWS.

COONAMBLE, Wednesday.

The Pastoral and Agricultural Show opened today. The exhibits and the attendance were very fair, considering the unfavourable season. The show will be continued to-morrow. The hotels in the town are full of visitors. The following awards were made:—Champion ram, E. Whitney and Co., Nelse; champion ewe, Rice Bros., Caigo; champion blood horse, James Hundy's Ethelbert; champion mare, H. P. Blake's Rose. Donald Fletcher, of Balagula, took the prize for both the champion shorthorn bull and cow. Judging has not been completed. The miscellaneous exhibits are good.

WINGHAM, Wednesday.

The Upper Manning show was opened to-day, and is considered the most successful ever held. The weather was beautiful, and the attendance about 1500. Many visitors came from Sydney and the surrounding districts. The exhibits in the large hall, consisting of conserved and preserved fruits, jams, jellies, confectionery, pastry, cakes, bread, flowers, fine arts, fancy work, &c., were without exception really excellent. There was a good display of saddlery. Blood horses were only fairly represented, but there was a splendid turnout of draught horses. In pair of plough horses G. R. Duff was first after a keen contest. There was an excellent display of ladies' hacks, which excited very keen competition, W. Wallace was first and J. C. Duff second. Gentlemen's all-round hacks (18 entries) were a grand lot, W. Wallace being first. The hunters' contest (15 starters) was keenly competed for, Abbott's Rocket being first and Davy second. Trotting horses and in harness were a good turnout, G. Lindsay being first. In saddle horses there were 18 entries, and after a brisk contest Gilmore was first and Wall second. Cattle was well represented, especially the dairy classes, which were well filled. There was a good show of pigs and fowls.

TO-DAY.

Sydney Philharmonic Society: Berlioz' "Faust," Town Hall, 8 p.m.

Engineering Association of New South Wales: Monthly Meeting, Union-chambers, 70 Pitt-street, 8 p.m.

St. Clement's, Mosman: A Sale of Work, Parish Hall, 8 p.m.

New South Wales Church Missionary Association: Monthly Meeting, Chapter House, 4.30 p.m.

Society of Artists' Autumn Exhibition, No. 384a George-street, 10 a.m. till 5 p.m. Private View Afternoon.

Exhibition Building, Prince Alfred Park: Benefit Social and Quadrille Party, 8 p.m.

Kensington Racing Club: Pony and Galloway Races. First Race starts at 2.15 p.m.

N.S.W. Ornithological Association: Intercolonial Show, Y.M.C.A. Hall, opening 3.30 p.m.

Grand Australian Fair: Competition in Calisthenics, 6 p.m.

Presbyterian Church of New South Wales: General Assembly, 10 a.m., 7 p.m.

Theatre Royal: The Flying Jordans, American Vaudevilles, 8 p.m.

Cyclorama, opposite Redfern Railway Station: Open 10 a.m. till 10 p.m.

Cinematograph, Crown Studios, 382 George-street. Open all day.

Her Majesty's Theatre: "The Sign of the Cross," 8.

Tivoli Theatre: Variety Entertainment, 7.45.

Palace Theatre: "Skipped by the Light of the Moon," 8 p.m.

Criterion: "&c., &c." "Private Secretary," 8 p.m.

One of the greatest of life's blessings is our compulsory ignorance of what the future has in store for us, and next to that comes the facility with which Minerva Tonic may be obtained, and the absolute dependence that may be placed on it as a safeguard against serious illness.—[ADVT.]

IN PARLIAMENT.

As soon as the Legislative Council met yesterday afternoon Mr. E. Barton took his seat, and was very warmly welcomed. The Attorney-General, in referring to the advent of the hon. member, said that Mr. Barton had accepted from the Government the task of taking charge of the Federation Bill, a responsibility which he *himself could not have incurred, seeing that he* was opposed to the measure in its present form. Mr. Barton, in acknowledging the cordiality of his reception, said that while he had accepted the position of custodian of the Federation Bill he did not wish it to be understood that he had departed in any degree from his opposition to the policy of the Government. He also said that while he had consented to take charge of the bill, it was not for that alone he had entered the House, and he hoped that he would be of assistance in framing measures which would prove of general benefit to the community. The Three Months' Supply Bill was received from the Assembly, and read the first time. The second reading was fixed for to-day, and the Attorney-General gave notice of his intention to move the suspension of the standing orders for the purpose of expediting the passage of the measure. Mr. Brown followed this announcement by intimating that he would object to the bill being pushed on with so rapidly. The motion for the adjournment of the House followed speedily, and thereunder Mr. Daniel O'Connor drew attention to a newspaper report of an interview with the Minister for Lands, which, he said, amounted to an assertion by the Minister that in regard to the Federal Constitution Bill the Legislative Council did not count. The Attorney-General, being appealed to, said that the words used by Mr. O'Connor were not in the article, but there was a phrase to which exception might be taken, to the effect that the Minister for Lands did not want the recommendations of the people's Chamber to be diluted at all with the recommendations of the nominee Chamber. Mr. Want, with some warmth, disclaimed responsibility for any of the statements of "these federalists" who happened to be in the Ministry, but whom he did not own; and he assured the Chamber that when the bill did come before that House it would be considerably "diluted" by him. "These federalists" might, he added, beat the big drum as long as they liked, but, so far from rallying under it, he would take any opportunity that presented itself for pricking a hole in the drum. His assurance was received with cheers.

Federation was thought to be the chief matter on the business paper when the House met yesterday; but Federation is only a national question. And after all, a national question ought always to give way to a universal one. The *justice of this* reasoning was at once perceived when Mr. Farnell moved to adjourn the House because of "the danger which is growing on account of the loose regulation of rule 13 of the Centenary Act. Mr. Farnell had a dreadful tale to relate. It seems that a Saturday or two ago he met between 500 and 600 unattached and irresponsible dogs in Centennial Park—dogs of a loose and profligate disposition, suspected characters in the dog world of all descriptions. These "wretched brutes" were a standing menace to society, and the honourable member passionately expressed his views about what should be done to the casual dog found in the park. Also, he related anecdotes. He knew of a case where a dog had rushed at a lady cyclist and pulled her down, and the incident will leave a most unpleasant impression on the public. Mr. Crick asked what was to be done to protect the dogs. Mr. Brunker regretted that the matter had not been brought under his notice out of the House. The motion duly went to the dogs; but it is worth while emblazing as a specimen of latter-day statecraft. Before this business was brought on several questions were asked, but there were none of any importance except one by Mr. M'Gowen. He returned to the charge in the matter of the train that travelled on the wrong line; at least he asked whether it was not "a fact that the empty train in question invariably starts from Botany siding, as it did the day it ran on the wrong line," and some other questions which it is well worth while to have satisfactorily answered.

The draft constitution under the Federation Enabling Act brought up all the constitutionalists of the House. The Enabling Bill says that the constitution shall be submitted to each House for consideration in committee. Mr. Carruthers wished to act on the very letter of the provision and go at once into committee—just as if the bill has passed its second reading. There was a good deal of opposition to this, the objectors pointing out that they would be strictly confined to particular clauses. They wanted a general debate, which would give them an opportunity to roam magnificently over the limitless field of federation. The anomaly of allowing both Houses to express an independent opinion was naturally dwelt upon, as well as the nice conundrum, When is a Legislature not a Legislature? The Minister said it was one thing, and others said it was another, but no one said that legislation had anything to do with the case. Perhaps this is too remote a phase to bear on the question. The Speaker gave his decision. He admitted that it was inconvenient to take the bill straight into committee, but he was left no option but to decide for this course. The bill did not come before the House in the ordinary way; it was a bill brought up under the express provision of another Act of Parliament, and this provision said that a committee of the whole House should consider the constitution. But having decided this point against the objectors, the Speaker gave them instant comfort. He held that the very provision which said that the first discussion must take place in committee meant that the whole scope of it could be so discussed. It was a distinction between tweedledum and tweedledee, and though Mr. Carruthers scored with his tweedledum his opponents had the tweedledee—to the benefit of federation all round. After some small points of order had been disposed of, it was arranged that Mr. Carruthers should address himself to the whole question on the first clause, after which the debate should be adjourned for a week.

He began by giving a brief *resumé* of the history of federation under the last Enabling Bill. He directed this to show that all the intervening stages only pointed to one conclusion. No doubt the Minister, who, it is known, differs from some members of the Cabinet on the question, purposely adopted this strain to make his own position clear. His argument was that Parliament had already pledged itself to submit to the final verdict of the people. Whether in the technical or even constitutional sense the separate opinion of the two Houses can be called that of the Legislature is a point that may be very valuable in its way; but Mr. Carruther's own opinion seemed to be rather in this connection that the matter could not effect the Convention Bill. It was certainly within the power of the House to decline, after a plebiscite had been finally taken on the bill, to forward an address to the Crown; but, he asked, could the House so deny the very authority which gave it breath—the people. Therefore, it was dangerous to argue that the present consideration of the bill was a farce. It was very real; probably the last chance that the Parliament would have of appropriating the great subject. For Mr. Carruthers is firmly of opinion that after the next Convention rises the people by a great majority will endorse it's bill. He does not count on a narrow majority—in such case Parliament might be justified in declining to forward a message. He looks for an emphatic and warm approval of the bill.

Where patriotism ends and provincialism begins is one of those problems that must often have stirred the conscience of the most ardent federalist. Mr. Carruthers is not troubled on this score. The man who takes about State rights is a provincialist; but perhaps as the speech was "general" the assertion may be taken to be so too. The nationalist who should altogether disregard State rights might be as dangerous as the most hidebound parochialist. Mr. Carruthers continued, giving an outline of the Convention proceedings, which had been already made tolerably familiar. As he went on he sometimes stepped aside to explain a question. The voting basis of all the colonies would remain unchanged till a Federal Parliament was actually in existence; and this explanation brought an eloquent testimony to the power Woman already possesses in politics. No attempt had been made to interfere with the right of women in South Australia to vote, because if it had been made it was felt that the ladies would probably defeat the Convention Bill when it was submitted to a plebiscite. Surely woman—at any rate the South Australian woman—cannot say she is a *quantite negligeable* after this. The constitution of the Senate seemed to surprise some members. Each State will have equal representation—six senators; and any portion of Australasian territory that may, after a confederation, be declared a new State will be entitled to return its six senators. He referred to the precedent of American federation, in which the principle of equal State rights had been acknowledged; but this had been done against the wishes of the majority. Bryce said this in his work, and his evidence had never been disputed. He himself is for proportionate representation—as is Mr. Lyne. America's bloody civil war had been brought about by the action of the Senate, which regarded the rights of the States rather than the rights of the people. They were having an illustration to-day of how a powerful Senate could thwart the will of the people. He had no doubt but that the bulk of the American people were in favour of an arbitration treaty with England; but the Senate, which controlled all foreign relations, stood in the way. People, not areas of territory, ought to be the spirit of Senate-making, and a compromise, said Mr. Carruthers, was necessary. And they must compromise on such terms that in all crises the rights of the people would be safeguarded; for the Senate, under the new constitution, would be the most powerful branch of the Legislature. And Mr. Carruthers went through the bill's principal clauses *seriatim* and methodically to the end, when, according to his promise, the debate was adjourned for a week. Mr. Carruthers moved for his select committee to inquire into and report on the laws relating to Crown lands. Except the Minister himself there is not a lawyer on the committee, and this feature was taken exception to. Mr. Gormly *justified it*. There were 14 or 15 land laws in existence, and they must be dealt with by experts; the law could come afterwards. Besides, he had often heard very bad law from legal members of the House. But all this led to a curious incident. Why was not Mr. Lyne's name in the committee? asked an Oppositionist. Another took it up and offered to move to have Mr. Ashton's name struck out. Mr. Ashton at once offered to withdraw, but a deep "Oh, oh," went up; it is recognised that he has special qualifications. Then the first inquirer "demanded" a ballot, and Mr. Carruthers wished to withdraw the motion altogether. The motion was not allowed to be withdrawn, and the Speaker put the question. "But I demand a ballot," came from the member aforesaid. But the Speaker met and, to the satisfaction of the House, defeated the gentleman with his own weapons. "I heard," he said with the utmost blandness, "the honourable gentleman say he would call for a ballot, not that he actually did." Then he put the motion, which was adopted by an overwhelming majority. Leave was given to bring in a bill to authorise the payment of allowances to the New South Wales representatives at the Federal Convention, and the Church and School Lands Bill resolution came on. The Rabbit Pest Bill was read a first time. At 11.12 the House rose till the usual hour to-day.

THE FEDERAL BILL.

THE QUESTION OF PROCEDURE.

OPINIONS OF MR. BARTON AND MR. R. E. O'CONNOR.

The divergence of opinion between two members of the Ministry in regard to the proper mode of procedure in dealing with the Federation Bill in the New South Wales Parliament has created a good deal of interest in political circles in a question which under other circumstances would not be considered of great moment. Mr. Carruthers expressed the view that the Assembly and the Council should consider the Federation Bill independently, and make separate lists of suggested amendments. Mr. Want yesterday publicly expressed his opinion that this course would be wrong, and that the two Houses should consider the bill like any other measure and agree upon a joint list of amendments. When spoken to yesterday Mr. Barton and Mr. O'Connor concurred with the view expressed by Mr. Want.

Mr. Barton said he had no desire to embarrass the Government in any way, and he hoped that what he said would be viewed in that light. He would be glad if some arrangement could be made to enable the two Houses to act jointly in dealing with the Federation Bill. His own view was that while the word "Legislature" in section 26 primarily meant the Legislature as a whole—that was the two Houses and the Crown—it had been used in statutes occasionally when the context showed that it was the intention to apply it to the two Houses conjointly apart from the Crown. He was not aware of any occasion on which the term had been used in statute law to indicate the two Houses acting separately. Consequently he thought that the 26th section of the Enabling Act meant that, while the measure was to be taken in each House separately, the provisions with regard to the transmission of the suggested amendments to the Convention showed that the two Houses were to unite at the stage which rendered it possible for this to be done. It might be that the term "Legislature" meant that the suggested amendments should receive the assent of the Crown as well as of the two Houses; but it was not necessary to trouble about that, because it was sufficient for present purposes to show that the Enabling Act clearly implied that whatever suggested alterations of the Houses might occur the suggested amendments, when transmitted to the Convention, were to be suggestions upon which the two Houses agreed. He believed that the more closely the procedure was assimilated to that of an ordinary bill, the more smoothly it would work and the better the public would be satisfied with methods they knew and understood. He had no doubt that upon reflection every member of the Government would concur with the Attorney-General and himself in that view of the meaning of the Act.

Mr. R. E. O'Connor when spoken to on the matter yesterday afternoon said he had no hesitation in saying that the method of procedure proposed by Mr. Carruthers was absolutely in contravention of the Australian Federation Enabling Act, and it would if persisted in result in placing the amendments of the Assembly and the Council when submitted to the Convention in a very questionable position. Section 27 of the Act provided for the consideration by the Convention of amendments proposed by the various Legislatures, and, in his opinion, the word Legislature in this and section 26 certainly did not mean suggestions by the two Houses separately, and he thought it highly probable that if an objection were taken that amendments of the two Houses forwarded separately to the Convention, not being amendments suggested by the Legislature, could not be considered as such the point of order would be fatal.

"The opinion of the Houses separately," Mr. O'Connor continued, "is of no value as representing the Legislative opinion of New South Wales. It appears to me that apt words have been used in section 26 to carry out this intention, because although in the earlier part of the section the words are used, 'shall be submitted for consideration to each House of Parliament sitting in Committee of the Whole,' it is clear that that refers to the procedure in each House only, because the words then follow 'and such amendments as may be desired by the Legislature, together with the draft constitution, shall be remitted to the Convention.' The word 'legislature' is used deliberately in contradistinction to the committees of each House. In English legislation the word 'legislature' has a well-known meaning, namely, the Sovereign, Lords, and Commons, and in the colonies the Governor or Queen, the Upper House and the Assembly, and there is no colonial statute in which the word is used in any other sense than that of the English meaning, or as the two Houses of the colonial Legislature. I will say nothing of the tone or taste of Mr. Carruthers's insistance on the distinction between the views of the Council and the views of the Assembly in dealing with the draft bill. The statement which rises in the mind of every man who has read those observations does not need enforcing. But I say the distinction made by Mr. Carruthers between the Council as the nominee House and the Assembly as the popular House is absolutely unfounded. In this matter of federation the delegates are the people's representatives specially chosen to represent their views upon this matter, and chosen at a very much later date than the Assembly. The Assembly has no more right now to sit sparing as representing the opinion of New South Wales upon federation as distinguished from the opinions of the federal delegates than the Legislative Council has. However, I make this observation in support of what appears to me to be the obvious intention of the Enabling Act, and that is that the labours of the delegates directly elected by the people to represent them in this matter should be reconsidered not by either House separately, but by the Legislature which makes laws for the government of the colony.

"But will the Convention not be able to consider any amendment it pleases?"

"The Convention at its sitting in September will by no means be tied down to the amendments suggested by the Legislatures. The object of the adjournment is that the draft constitution may be discussed not only in Parliament but in the press and at public meetings, and in any other way in which people under free institutions are wont to consider their laws. I think it would be narrowing very much the usefulness of the period of consideration if the Convention were not open to accept suggestions coming from any quarter. I myself look forward to receiving great aid from the discussion of the clauses of the bill in the press of the various colonies, and the discussions in Parliament and the press during the ensuing four months will greatly aid the people in coming to an intelligent vote when the Constitution Bill is submitted to them. Although the amendments coming from the Legislatures are to be considered as the formal amendments of the Legislatures, there is no reason why amendments carried in one or other House, but about which both Houses cannot agree, should not be considered by the Convention. They will not, of course, be considered as amendments of the Legislature, but they will no doubt be considered in the same way as suggestions made in the press or at public meetings, that is to say on the motion of some member. Finally, in my view, having once come to the conclusion, which I think is beyond question as a matter of law, that the amendments contemplated by the 26th and 27th sections are the amendments of the Legislature as a whole, there will be no difficulty in devising some means by which the opinion of both Houses may be ascertained, and in so far as the opinions of the two Houses agree they may be conveyed to the Convention as the suggestions of the Legislature, and in cases where the two Houses cannot agree, the suggestions of either House will not be lost, as they may be brought forward in the way I have already indicated."

SPECIAL CABLES.

FROM THE *HERALD'S* LONDON CORRESPONDENTS.

THE PROSPECTS OF PEACE.

RISE IN STOCKS.

LONDON, May 11, 7.50 p.m.

The improved outlook in the Transvaal and the prospects of the conclusion of peace between Greece and Turkey to-day caused a sharp rise on the London Stock Exchange in African mining companies' shares. The rise was reflected upon Australian securities, and all stocks are hardening.

THE TRANSVAAL RAID.

THE PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY.

LONDON, May 11.

The select committee of the House of Commons which is inquiring into the circumstances of the Jameson raid sat again to-day.

The Duke of Fife, Vice-President of the British South Africa Company, was called as a witness. In reply to Mr. Labouchere, M.P., the Duke denied that he had any knowledge of the intended raid into the Transvaal before he disposed of certain shares.

During the examination of the Duke of Fife a scene occurred, and Mr. Labouchere was called to order.

THE ARMY REMOUNT SERVICE.

QUEENSLAND HORSES.

LONDON, May 12.

Mr. C. S. Dicken, C.M.G., Acting Agent-General for Queensland, has made representations to the War Office to the effect that Queensland can supply horses better adapted for the remount service than can be obtained from the Argentine Republic.

THE CABLE TO HAWAII.

LONDON, May 12.

Mr. Spalding, who was instrumental in arranging a contract for the laying of a cable from San Francisco to Honolulu, in the Hawaiian Islands, has not been able to obtain the assistance of the United States Government in carrying out the project. He has accordingly withdrawn from the contract.

THE BUBONIC PLAGUE.

LONDON, May 12.

The bubonic plague has made its appearance in the districts on the frontier of Tonquin and China.

LORD HAMPDEN.

LONDON, May 12.

Lord Hampden, Governor of New South Wales, has been gazetted a Knight of Grace of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem.

The Order of St. John of Jerusalem is the only great philanthropic Order. The head is her Majesty the Queen, the Prince of Wales is the prior, and the Duke of York the sub-prior. Among the members are the Dukes of Saxe-Coburg, Connaught, Edinburgh, Cambridge, Fife, and many other distinguished persons. There are various grades, such as Knights of Justice, Knights of Grace, Members, Associates, &c. Ladies are included among those admitted to the Order. In the list of members are Lord Brassey, Earl of Ranfurly, and Viscount Knutsford. Dr. R. Vandeleur Kelly, F.R.C.S., of Sydney, is the only resident of the Australian colonies who is a member, and his election took place 10 years ago. He received a letter stating that Lord Hampden's nomination would take place in April, but it would be May before his election would be signed by her Majesty the Queen. Dr. Roth and Colonel Williams are among the associates. The St. John Ambulance Association is the ambulance department of the Order. The insignia consists of a white Maltese cross with black ribbon, which is worn on the left breast and on the collar. Lord Brassey wore his cross on the occasion of the wedding of the Hon. Margaret Brand.

THE WESTERN AUSTRALIAN LOAN.

LONDON, May 11.

There have been a few dealings at ¼ to ⅜ premium in the scrip of the new Western Australian 3 per cent. loan of £1,000,000, tenders for which are to be opened on the 14th instant.

SILVER.

LONDON, May 12.

Bar silver is quoted to-day at 2s 3¾d per ounce standard.

LONDON WOOL SALES.

LONDON, May 11.

At the wool sales this evening bidding was spirited, and business shows a general upward tendency.

May 12.

The following rates have been realised for fleece of the respective clips:—Connulpie, 5¼d; Portland, 6¾d; Wellahot, 6¾d; Malvern Hills, 6¾d; Gingie, 7¾d; Titu, 8d; Newstead, 8d; Mokanger, 9¾d.

VICTORIAN PASTEURISED BUTTER.

LONDON, May 12.

Some samples of butter that have undergone the Pasteurising process at Kyneton, Victoria, have arrived. The butter is in good condition, but is not superior to ordinary butter. Its chief faults are excessive moisture and poorness of texture.

TALLOW MARKET.

LONDON, May 12.

At to-day's sales of Australian tallow 1625 casks were offered and 575 were sold. Prices were as follow:—Mutton, fine, 18s 9d; medium ditto, 17s 6d; beef, fine, 18s; medium, 16s 6d.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

PERTH, Wednesday.

The Government will present the pupils of the voluntary schools as well as of the Public schools with jubilee commemoration medals, necessitating ordering another 5000, making a total of 15,000.

A substantial sum has been placed on the Estimates for the purpose of advertising Western Australian timber in America.

Fuller and Co.'s Famous "Kola Nut Tonic."—The great "Pick-me-up." Makes you eat. All hotels, with sodawater, 6d glass.—[ADVT.]

WAR IN EUROPE.

GREECE AND TURKEY.

MEDIATION BY THE POWERS.

ACCEPTED BY GREECE.

A BATTLE IMMINENT AT DOMOKO.

COLLAPSE OF THE GREEK COMMISSARIAT.

MUCH SICKNESS AND DISCONTENT.

LONDON, May 11, 7.50 p.m.

In the House of Commons this evening Mr. A. J. Balfour, First Lord of the Treasury, stated that the Powers had offered to mediate between Greece and Turkey, and that Greece had accepted the offer.

Mr. Balfour added that he is convinced that Greece will agree to autonomy for Crete.

THE TURKS CLOSING ROUND DOMOKO.

LONDON, May 11, 7.50 p.m.

The Turks are closing round Domoko, where the Greeks are reported to occupy an impregnable position.

May 12, 6.25 a.m.

The Duke of Sparta, the Greek Commander-in-Chief, has issued a proclamation declaring that the Greek position at Domoko is so strong that the army is invincible. The Duke adds that the Greeks will soon resume the offensive.

The Greek Government and the people in Athens are feverishly anxious for an armistice.

THE DUKE OF SPARTA IN DISGRACE.

LONDON, May 11, 7.50 p.m.

The Duke of Sparta, the Greek Commander-in-Chief, has been further blamed for his conduct of the war, and the Government has cancelled two of his appointments.

THE GREEK FLEET.

A TURKISH TOWN BOMBARDED.

LONDON, May 11, 7.50 p.m.

The eastern division of the Greek fleet is off Cape Almyro, in the Gulf of Volo, and is supporting Colonel Smolenski.

May 12, 6.25 a.m.

The Greek western fleet has bombarded Syra, in Epirus.

COLLAPSE OF THE GREEK COMMISSARIAT.

LONDON, May 12, 6.25 a.m.

The Greek commissariat arrangements have collapsed. The soldiers are subsisting upon only bread and cheese and water.

There is much illness amongst the troops, and great discontent prevails.

THE TURKS STILL MOBILISING.

LONDON, May 12, 6.25 a.m.

The Turkish forces are still being mobilised on a large scale.

80,000 REFUGEES AT LAMIA.

LONDON, May 12.

Eighty thousand refugees are herded together at Lamia, on the Thermopylæ side of the Othrys Mountains.

They are exposed to the heavy rains and are suffering much privation from the bitterly cold weather.

The refugees are relying on private charity for food.

QUEENSLAND.

BRISBANE, Wednesday.

The four alleged New Caledonian escapees were finally dealt with to-day. After the usual formula had been gone through the suspects were formally remanded for 15 days to enable them to appeal to the Supreme Court, pending being handed over to the French authorities.

The Railway Commissioner has accepted the tender of Mr. P. Marshall for the construction of two wharfs at Pinkenba. The amount is £4123. The wharfs will be of sufficient length for the largest steamers to berth, and will be specially fitted for the shipment of live cattle, coal, &c.

A letter has been received from the German Imperial Consul-General in Sydney stating that Mr. Kilian, agricultural expert, attached to the Consulate-General, is about to visit Queensland with the view of inquiring into agriculture in this colony.

The Chief Justice to-day granted the application of the Queensland National Bank for the confirmation of the scheme of arrangement. He also directed that the scheme be incorporated with the articles of association as a schedule.

The Land Commission will commence its sittings in Brisbane to-morrow, after which its report will be drawn up. The commission has just completed work on the Darling Downs.

J. A. H. Beresford, late of H.M.S. Karrakatta, has been appointed chief gunner and instructor of the Queensland Marine Defence Force.

Good rain has fallen at Nanango, also at Bundaberg and Mackay and several other places on or near the coast; but, although the weather was threatening over a considerable portion of the colony, the drought generally is unbroken.

Manchester and Scott's sawmills at Bundaberg are closed, owing to the men refusing to accept a 10 per cent. reduction in wages.

The price of £8 per ton offered for raw sugar by the Colonial Sugar Company has caused considerable discontent at Mackay.

CHARTERS TOWERS, Wednesday.

Thomas Dart, one of a tributing party working in the Golden Surprise mine, was killed last night by a fall of rock in the 200ft. level.

NEW ZEALAND.

AUCKLAND, Wednesday.

Bonus certificates of the Government Insurance Department have been issued aggregating reversionary additions in the policies to the amount of £257,000.

The missing cutter Iona has arrived safe. The master reports that the craft had been blown out to sea.

H.M.S. Pylades has arrived at Russell.

The Acting-Governor has given £25 towards the cost of a memorial to be erected in Auckland to commemorate the record reign of her Majesty the Queen.

The Government has appointed a poultry expert for the colony.

A young man named Lindop, the son of a chemist at Carterton, while "scorching" on his bicycle, came into collision with a vehicle. His skull was fractured, and his condition is critical.

It is announced here that the Bank of Australasia has notified its staff throughout the colonies that the 10 per cent. reduction in salaries made in 1895 has been restored.

FISHER AND CO.'S FAMOUS "NATARA," for Coughs, Colds, and Influenza. Cures the Throat, Cures the Chest, Cures the Head. One dose relieves, one bottle cures. Never fails. 1s 6d per bottle. All chemists and storekeepers, and at the Pharmacy, 337 George-street, nearly opposite G. P. Office.—[ADVT.]

THE QUEEN'S REIGN.

THE DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS.

OUTLINE OF THE OFFICIAL PROGRAMME.

LONDON, May 12.

The following programme has been arranged for the celebrations in commemoration of her Majesty's record reign:—

June 21.—The Queen, accompanied by a great suite, will make a semi-state entry into London, and a grand state banquet will be held at Buckingham Palace.

June 22.—The Queen, accompanied by the Royal family and the foreign Princes, will go in procession to St. Paul's Cathedral from Buckingham Palace. London will be splendidly illuminated at night.

June 23.—A garden party on a grand scale will be held at Buckingham Palace.

June 24.—The Queen will make a semi-state return to Windsor Castle. A Royal visit will be made to Eton College, and in the evening there will be a torch-light procession to Windsor Castle.

June 25.—A great state banquet will be held at Windsor Castle.

June 26.—H.R.H. the Prince of Wales will review the fleet at Spithead.

June 29.—The Queen will review the largest military force ever assembled at Aldershot. The Indian and colonial troops will take part in the review.

Mr. Chamberlain, Secretary of State for the Colonies, has assigned to the Agents-General seats for 900 colonists in the vicinity of St. Paul's Cathedral on the occasion of the commemoration service. Visitors from the Australian colonies have been allotted 540 seats.

FOOD DISTRIBUTION TO THE POOR OF GREAT BRITAIN.

MEETINGS IN THE SUBURBS.

A meeting of the committee formed to carry out the donation of frozen meat from Australia was held yesterday afternoon at the office of Messrs. Burns, Philp, and Co., Bridge-street. Mr. James Burns occupied the chair. Also present were—Messrs. M. C. Thomson, Allan Hughes, J. A. Carey, Andrew Rowan, F. S. Badgery, J. A. Linley, G. Maiden, E. Twopeny, and A. W. Pearse (hon. secretary). An apology for non-attendance was read from Mr. J. H. Storey. After Mr. Rowan had explained the arrangements that had been carried out in Melbourne, it was decided to locate the central committee in Melbourne, and the Sydney committee agreed to concur in any action taken by the central body in connection with the distribution of meat in Great Britain. Since last meeting the hon. secretary reported the following further donations:—Messrs. Felton, Campbell, and Co., 500 sheep; Mr. T. Shaw, 500 executors late Silas Harding, 500; Scottish Australian Investment Company, Limited, 500; Mr. Whiting, 500; Australian and New Zealand Land Company, Limited, 500; M. Bergl and Co. and Messrs. Houlder Brothers, 50 cattle; Hon. J. S. Wallace, 20; Sydney Meat Preserving Company, 250 cases meat, equal to 2000 sheep. The Railway Commissioners for New South Wales have agreed to carry free all sheep and cattle; Geddes, Birt, and Co., Limited, offered to freeze all New South Wales consignments; and Messrs. John Andrew and Co., Bridge-street, wrote stating that any printing for the movement would be executed at their expense. Messrs. A. Rowan, James Burns, and the hon. secretary were instructed to wait upon the Governor and inform him of the movement, and request him to cable to the Prince of Wales. Lord Hampden agreed to cable to the Colonial Secretary to inform the Princess of Wales that the donation was to be available on the 1st June in London, and that he would communicate with Lords Brassey and Lamington.

In the Assembly last night Mr. Whiddon gave notice to ask the Minister for Public Instruction,—Whether the Minister for Public Instruction, had taken into consideration the desirability of in some appropriate way marking the record reign of her Majesty amongst the children attending the public schools of our colony? If so, would he state what he contemplated doing, and in what form? If not, would he consider the desirability of taking some steps that should permanently fix upon the memories of children attending the schools the important epoch to be celebrated on the 22nd June next? Dr. Ross proposes to ask the Minister for Public Instruction, in view of the approaching record reign celebrations he will see that steps are taken to give school children a week's extra holiday, it being the period of the year when midwinter holidays begin.

The committee appointed to advise the Government with regard to the best means of celebrating the Queen's Record Reign, further considered their report yesterday; but it has not yet been presented to the Government, and another meeting of the committee will be held to consider certain details that have not yet been decided upon. The question of what form the celebrations shall take, so far as the City Council is concerned, will probably be considered at a meeting of the finance committee of the council to be held to-day.

A special meeting of the Leichhardt Council Committee appointed to deal with this matter, which came under notice at last meeting was held on Monday night, and in order that a fitting celebration might be made in the borough of the Queen's record reign, have resolved,—"That in the squares bounded by Norton, Marion, and Wetherill streets and Balmain-road, trees be planted, and that in future the place be known as Victoria-square:" also, "That the council convene a public meeting to enlist the sympathies of the public in endeavour to arrange a demonstration on behalf of the indigent of the district."

A public meeting was held at Auburn on Monday evening to consider the advisability of taking some steps to join, locally, in the record

was now practically completed. It was decided that seats were required on the Mount Piddington Reserve, from the level up the track towards the railway gates.

NARRABRI, Wednesday.

The following are the statistics of the Moree-Narrabri railway for the month of April:—Outwards: 612 cattle, 18,179 sheep, 200 pigs. Goods, 76 tons outwards, 325 tons inwards. Passengers booked at Moree, 297: fares, £369.

A well attended meeting of the aldermen and the hospital committee combined was held in the Town Hall last night for the purpose of arranging a carnival in recognition of the Queen's record reign. It was arranged to hold a carnival, consisting of horse racing, bicycle sports, athletic sports, and a football match, the proceeds of the same to go to the hospital funds.

NYNGAN, Wednesday.

A chrysanthemum fete and promenade concert were held to-night in aid of the local Presbyterian Church.

It is cloudy, with very good indications of rain, which is much needed.

PEAK HILL, Wednesday.

The continued drought is proving very disastrous to stockowners. The weather has been milder the last two days than heretofore. The sky is now cloudy. Locally chaff is 6s 6d per cwt.

ROCKLEY, Tuesday.

A fatal mining accident occurred at Weine's alluvial claim at Lawson's Plains, about four miles from Rockley, at 9 o'clock this morning. There were five miners working in the face when a quantity of earth, about 10 tons, fell without warning, crushing Thomas Prinnable, who only lived 15 minutes. Deceased and his mate Smitheon were determining at the time. Smitheon escaped with a slight injury to one leg. The unfortunate young man's father was working about five yards away at the same face.

The weather remains dry, with very heavy frosts. A slight fall of snow took place last Friday night.

ROBERTSON, Tuesday.

There is an agitation again on foot the Government to construct a light line of railway to Robertson.

Very severe frosts occur nightly, with bright warm days.

WEST MAITLAND, Wednesday.

John Gillan, a youth, had his left arm badly lacerated to-day, the limb being caught in a wheel at Hammond and Moore's coachbuilding works.

Mr. J. J. Westbrook, manager of the Union Bank, has received an extension of six months' leave of absence in consequence of ill-health.

Considerable activity was displayed in the hay market at the farmers' produce sales to-day. Prime lucerne advanced to £4 per ton, and quantities were booked for the North and North-western districts. Yesterday three trucks of lucerne were consigned to Wagga.

Within the last few days a number of burglaries have been perpetrated in the district. On Sunday last the post and telegraph office at Paterson was entered, and a sum exceeding £2 was taken. On Monday Mr. Kochn's store at Raymond Terrace was robbed, and on the same day the residence of W. Peckett, of Hinton, was entered, and a sum of £4 and a gold watch and chain were stolen. So far no arrests have been made.

WALGETT, Wednesday.

No rain has fallen since 2nd March, consequently things are very serious. The whole district is without grass or water, and stock are dying. A change in the weather is probable now. The barometer is falling, and there are indications of an approaching storm.

WARIALDA, Wednesday.

The weather remains dry. There have been signs of a change the last two days. Rain is anxiously looked for.

WOMANHOOD SUFFRAGE LEAGUE.

LECTURE BY MR. BRUCE SMITH.

At a meeting of the Womanhood Suffrage League, held in one of the rooms of the Protestant Hall last night, Mr. Bruce Smith delivered a lecture upon "Women in Politics." Miss Rose Scott presided, and there was a good attendance.

Before calling upon the lecturer, Miss Scott intimated that Mr. Fegan, M.L.A., would take up the question of womanhood suffrage in the House, and it was intended to form a deputation to wait upon the Colonial Secretary on the question. The Governor had consented to forward to England the address they intended to send to the Queen in connection with the record reign celebration.

Mr. Bruce Smith said he had announced his paper as "Women in Politics," but it would have better been called "Some Thoughts on Women in Politics." It was observable that almost all the discussions upon the subject in New South Wales had resolved themselves into the question of women's political fitness. In other countries a good deal had been *said* on other branches, such as the right and the desire of women to possess the franchise. First he would speak as to the right of women to equal political power with men. It was generally recognised by the higher order of political thinkers that the distribution of power could not be regulated according to any general principle of abstract right. Strictly speaking, a right only existed where there was power to enforce it, and since some women could not have a right. But some class of thinkers based woman's claim on the ground of expediency. He would, however, deal with the question of woman's right to political power in the sense in which it would be understood by a popular audience. It was said, "Men have the power; therefore women had the right to enforce it." Their opponents might reply, "You have not the right, or else you would have enforced it; as you cannot enforce it, you may as well reduce your claim." Women contended that they ought to be admitted to equal political power, and they based their claim on the popular but undefinable standard of abstract justice. In this connection they had history against them, but they said that was no argument. He thought it was, although not a strong one. Their sex had never possessed political power, and therefore their opponents said they should not possess it now. They would argue that so many centuries having passed without it being expedient to give political power to women to do so it was not necessary. This was entitled to an answer, but it could easily be answered. In the past woman was either a beast of burden or a plaything, and she was not in a position to enforce the claim. Even the men of the middle and lower classes had so little political power that it never occurred to the women to urge their demand, and the upper classes held so much political power that there was no necessity for the women of that class to possess it. By the wide spread of education in recent years, the spreading of literature, the spread of the newspaper, and the participation in political matters by the people as a whole, the discussion of politics had become a daily matter among people of all classes. Then the introduction of machinery and the increase of wealth had enabled women to study intellectual matters. The history argument therefore proved upon inquiry to be of very little weight. Woman might contend that the laws which issued from the Legislature bound her as much as they bound men, and she might therefore claim an equal power in making or modifying those laws. That was putting the abstract claim, and its logic was difficult to resist. Then there was the question whether women as a class desired to possess the franchise. It might be that among women the advocates of this claim were in the minority, but was *that any reason why* it should be denied to those who asked for it? Another argument used was that the effect of conferring the franchise on all women over a certain age would be to largely increase the power of that class of men who would be the least likely to hesitate to coerce the woman to go under their domination, while the daintier classes would hesitate to enter into the hurly-burly of an election and would not exercise the power necessary to preserve the equilibrium. He thought the difficulty might be remedied by having more polling-places, so that they would be quieter, and they might consider the suggestion that voters should receive papers beforehand, and be allowed to post them. He came next to the question of woman's fitness to possess this power. This included the subordinate question as to whether she would use it with a high degree of intelligence. To what extent were men fitted? He did not hesitate to express the opinion that at least 50 per cent of the men who now exercised the franchise were quite unfit. That was to say, they did not possess sufficient knowledge of history, of economics, and of political science to enable them to discriminate between legislation that would be ultimately beneficial and legislation that would be ultimately injurious to the community as a whole. A majority of the men at present invested with political power were ready to indulge their generation with an unripe political measure, like giving a green apple to a child, forgetful of the consequences that would ensue in the succeeding generation or in their own. A cool-headed man was the first misanthropist, and remedies were applied hastily, little head being given to the consequences on national character and racial characteristics. It was on this ground that one objection was taken to the extension of the franchise to women, viz., that in many cases the emotional side would dominate the reasoning faculties. It was in this direction he saw political danger, but he did not see so much danger that he would stop the movement. It was a matter of education, for business men were trained to let the head act without emotional considerations, except a small percentage. He recommended women to read political literature. He believed that if women had votes they would pay more regard to the personal character of the candidates.—(Cheers.)

Miss Scott having invited discussion, Mr. Broderick said they had had so much bad legislation because they had too much of the head and not enough of the heart there. If women were in Parliament there would be both head and heart there. Miss Golding moved a vote of thanks, which was seconded by Mr. Dickie, and carried.

Mr. Bruce Smith, in reply, said he did not mean that politicians should be heartless men, but if they wanted to work out an abstruse question to a logical issue they must not let the heart overshadow the intellect.

MIGRATION OF BIRDS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—For the last week or so numbers of "up-country" birds have shown up in our gardens and paddocks, such as the black cockatoo, pewit, black magpie or dollar bird. The latter plays great havoc in the fruit season, and clears out when it is finished. Their appearance so close to the city is doubtless due to the terribly dry state of the interior. I cannot remember having seen them here in such numbers before. I am, &c.,

W. GORDON DODDS.

North Willoughby, May 12.

NEWCASTLE.

THE NEW LIFEBOAT.

NEWCASTLE, Wednesday.

The new self-righting lifeboat for this port, which arrived yesterday by the steamer Gulf of Mexico, was landed to-day and examined by a number of nautical authorities. The craft is 27ft. long, and has a beam of 9ft. 3in. The whole of the work has been carried out in accordance with the demands of the specifications of the Royal Lifeboat Institution for boats of this class. A successful trial of the self-righting capabilities of the boat was made, before it was shipped at London, by order of the Agent-General, Sir Saul Samuel. In communicating with the local Marine Board the Agent-General says the boat was placed under a crane at the quayside in about 4ft. 5in. of water, and inverted by means of a particular until the keel was uppermost. As soon as the metacentre of the boat was passed she immediately righted herself without the slightest tendency to hang, and completely emptied herself in 28 seconds. The cost of the boat has been £625, exclusive of gear, or over £800 including the fittings. The boat was to-day handed over to the lifeboat committee, and it is probable that the Marine Board will order a trial trip to be made at an early date.

THE ADDERLEY WRECK.

Operations in connection with the attempt to float the wrecked barque Adderley are now in full swing. With the exception of the lower masts the vessel has been entirely dismantled, and all the gear has been taken ashore. The stevedore in charge of the contract is of opinion that the ship's bows shifted a little towards the shore during the recent heavy seas. To-morrow the work of discharging the sand ballast will be commenced, after which kedges will be run out ready for heaving her off the beach. The contractor considers that there is every probability of the attempt meeting with success, and hopes to be able to shortly deliver the vessel in Sydney.

FUNERAL OF A POLICE OFFICER.

The funeral of the late Senior-sergeant Dick, of the Newcastle Water Police, who was greatly esteemed throughout this district, took place this afternoon, and was attended by over 300 residents. The procession moved from deceased's late residence in Scott-street, and proceeded to the Honeysuckle Point railway station, where the funeral train was in waiting. Among those who assembled to pay the last token of respect to the memory of the deceased officer were—Mr. J. Mair, S.M., Mr. C. N. Payten, S.M., Mr. F. G. Adrian, C.P.S., Inspector Lynch, Sub-inspector Saunders, Sergeants M'Vane, Thompson and Hickey, over 50 members of foot and water police, several members of the City Council, representatives of the Harbours and Rivers Department, Customs Department, pilotmen, harbour boatmen, &c. Mr. W. T. Dick, M.L.A., and other members of the family were also present. The remains were interred in the Presbyterian section of the Sandgate Cemetery, the Rev. W. Downey officiating at the grave. The flags of the shipping in port, and those of the shipping and commercial houses in the city, were flying half-mast throughout the day.

FATALITY AT WALLSEND.

The City Coroner, Mr. G. C. Martin, J.P., held an inquest at Wallsend to-day on the body of a boy named O'Donnell, 7 years of age, a son of Patrick O'Donnell, miner, residing at Pitt Town, Wallsend. The evidence showed that whilst the lad was playing with other children he accidentally fell on a spike, causing wounds which terminated fatally shortly afterwards. A verdict of accidental death was returned.

STOCKTON DISASTER MEMORIAL.

The Stockton Municipal Council at a meeting held last evening granted permission to the Stockton disaster committee to erect two memorial gate posts at the entrance to the Stockton Recreation Reserve. The proposed posts will bear tablets upon which will be inscribed the names of the exploration and rescue parties who lost their lives in the noble attempt to save their comrades. The designs have already been prepared and approved, and the sum of £70 has been voted for the work.

THE MINERS' DEMAND.

Considerable interest is being displayed in connection with the movement now made by the Miners' Delegate Board with a view to an advance in the *hewing rate*. An application has been made to the colliery proprietors for a conference in order that the present condition of the coal trade may be reviewed, with the condition of the miners improved. Notwithstanding the fact that the trade has been exceptionally brisk for some time, and that records in the output have recently been established, the earnings of the men are small. From the returns about 60,000 more than from their wages. The increase in the volume of trade has not been particularly beneficial, as the ruling price of coal is so low that there is a very small margin of profit after paying working expenses and wages. It is generally contended that it would be unjust by all sections to the proprietors and the men to have the vend again formed in order to raise the price of coal to a fair figure. In all probability a meeting of colliery owners will be called for an early date to form some understanding, and should an understanding be arrived at in regard to the selling price there is little doubt that the condition of the miners will be voluntarily improved. Up to the present the miners' organisation has not received a reply to the request for a conference, and it is the general opinion that whilst the owners are disunited there is no probability of the application being granted.

PRICE OF COAL.

In connection with the proposed movement for raising the selling-price of coal, it is understood that one of the most important colliery firms decided to-day to at once increase the rate from 7s to 7s 3d for round coal, and from 3s 6d to 3s 9d for small coal. As a result of this decision the other proprietors will in all probability follow suit, and it is hoped that eventually the outcome will be co-operation among all the collieries of the district by the formation of a vend to control the rates.

RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION.

A meeting of the general committee of the Northern District of New South Wales Rugby Football Union was held at the Chamber of Commerce last evening. The Queensland union wrote, stating that negotiations could be entered into for a series of matches during the 1898 season. The mode of play in connection with senior competitions was amended as follows:—Each club to play one another three times, the club with the least number of hadre points to drop out, the three remaining clubs to be again matched by lot, and the two clubs with the most number of wins to play for the final."

A wheeler employed at Hetton Colliery, named Henry Scottman, whilst engaged at the pit to-day, was crushed between a skip and a prop, sustaining injuries which necessitated medical assistance.

The relief fund initiated by the citizens of Waratah on behalf of the Richards family has totalled nearly £50.

An excellent entertainment for the benefit of the seamen in port was given at the Seamen's Bethel last evening, and an interesting programme of 20 items was presented.

The Wallsend Borough Council last night decided to insure the council chambers against fire for £300.

The attention of the Wallsend Coal Company has been directed by the local municipal council to the dangerous state of the bridge on the Newcastle road near the Wallsend Coal Company's tunnel.

The Stockton Municipal Council has resolved to communicate with the Harbours and Rivers Department requesting additional accommodation for the Stockton ferry steamers.

At a special meeting of the members of the Merewether School of Arts Messrs. David Fisher and Robert Lingard were elected trustees.

INSURANCE INSTITUTE OF NEW SOUTH WALES.

The Insurance Institute met last evening at the Exchange-building, Mr. R. Teece presiding. There was a good attendance. Mr. H. F. Francis, vice-president, read a paper, entitled "Sound Practice in Fire Insurance." He said he desired to interest junior members engaged in fire underwriting rather than to deal with the subject exhaustively and critically. He urged the necessity of the proposal form being properly signed by the proponent, and that all replies being given, and nothing taken for granted. He was led to believe that officers did not insist on requirements in this respect being complied with as they should be. Information was inadequately given in regard to the character and quantity of hazardous goods. Proposal forms should be so framed as not only to elicit facts required to be known, by the underwriter, but also to place before the proponent suggestions for his guidance in effecting the insurance. Plateglass windows, fittings, &c., had to be specifically assured, if required, and if not included in the forms. A survey and inspection of the property was always desirable, as the proponent might have omitted to give facts which did not appear to him to be material, but which, in the event of a claim, might lead to friction and discontent. The practice of accepting proposals cutpicksin the country through town broker or otherwise, without a report in all such cases, was to be deprecated. He was afraid surveyors were not always sufficiently alive to the dangers of machinery in use, or artificial heating in any form. After referring to a transfer of policies, the matter of loss settlements was dealt with.

Mr. Francis was accorded a vote of thanks on the motion of Mr. Kerr, seconded by Mr. Wansey.

The president's paper on the mortality of the city and suburbs at the last meeting was discussed. The speakers were Messrs. Storey, Remington, Forbes, Arthur, Dovey, Miller, Carment, Paradice, Elliott, and Duckworth. Statistics and compilations formed a large part of the debate. Messrs. Forbes, Remington, and Storey spoke in a lighter vein, and, like other speakers, in praise of Mr. Teece's paper. It was suggested that the census should be quinquennial.

The following new members were elected:—Messrs. F. J. Bennett, W. J. Brown, F. G. Horsey, J. M'Causland, and R. D. Miller. Messrs. W. R. Dovey, R. Kerr, and J. E. Woodthorpe were added to the committee.

NESTLE'S FOOD,
for Infants, Children, and Invalids.—[ADVT.]

NEW SOUTH WALES PARLIAMENT.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 12.

The President took the chair at half-past 4 o'clock.

A NEW MEMBER.

Mr. E. Barton, who had been appointed a member of the Legislative Council, took the oath and his seat.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL said that he hoped he might be permitted to say a few words of welcome to that House of Mr. Barton—(hear, hear)—and to acknowledge the generous assistance which the Government had received from him in consenting to take charge of the federal measure. Under any circumstances the House would accord a hearty welcome to Mr. Barton—(hear, hear)—but he thought, in the unique circumstances in which he had responded to the invitation of the Ministry, Mr. Barton deserved more than a mere expression of thanks from that House. He therefore desired to convey to Mr. Barton personally his thanks for the position he had taken up. There was some impression abroad that there was a difference in the Ministry with regard to the Federal Bill, and also that some sarcasm existed in regard to the apparent ignoring of Dr. Garran and himself in regard to taking charge of the bill in that House. He was quite sure that if Mr. Barton thought for one moment that such a feeling existed he would not have consented to the request of the Government to take up the bill. (Hear, hear.) He might not think he was disclosing any Cabinet secret when he said that he himself was the first to suggest that the hon. member (Mr. Barton) should be asked to come into that Chamber to assist the Government with the Federation Bill. Hon. members, of course, knew that he was opposed to federation on the basis now submitted—(hear, hear)—and he could not conscientiously ask hon. members to approve of a measure with the principles of which he was not in accord. He knew that he could rely upon the hon. member (Mr. R. E. O'Connor), but he also recognised the position in which Mr. Barton had been placed, not only by the electors of the colony, but by the members of the Adelaide Convention, and therefore it was but fitting that the hon. member should be selected to take charge of the measure. (Hear, hear.) The hon. gentleman had been good enough to accept the position. (Hear, hear.) He (Mr. Want) was going to oppose the bill, but he wanted to give it a fair field and fair play, but no favour whatever.

Mr. A. BROWN: Is that not importing one strong man to kill another?

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL said he did not think so, but at any rate he was going to oppose the bill.

Mr. HOPKINS: Is it not a Government measure, and is it not unconstitutional for a member of the Government to withdraw his support from a Government measure?

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL said this was not a Government measure. If it had been he could not have kept his seat in the Government under the circumstances. Mr. Barton felt that he had been under the impression that the subject being an important one he would have been entitled to bring it before the Chamber at that stage. However, he would take another opportunity for directing attention to it. He did not want the recommendations of the people's Chamber to be diluted at all with the recommendations of the nominee Chamber." Well, I am not going to be responsible for any of the statements of these federalists. I may assure my hon. friend that when the bill does come here it will be considerably "diluted" by me. (Cheers.) I am not going to be responsible for any of the statements of these federalists. I do not own them. They happen to be in the same Ministry, but I do not own them. They may beat the big drum as much as they like, but I am not going to rally under it. (Hear, hear.) But I will prick a hole in the big drum as soon as I can. (Cheers.)

The motion for adjournment was agreed to, and the House at six minutes past 6 adjourned until 4 o'clock on Thursday.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 12.

Mr. Speaker took the chair at half-past 4 o'clock.

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY, in answer to Mr. Perry, said that out of a large number of dairy cows destroyed on suspicion that they were suffering from tuberculosis only two were found not to be suffering from the disease.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY, in answer to Mr. Eddes, said the Railway Commissioners had expressed their willingness to extend certain train facilities to the Dudley miners. The colliery line would require certain alterations before passengers could be run over it, and the company had been asked if they would have the necessary attention given. When this was done the train service could be given.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY, in answer to Mr. Black, said the matter of bringing forward legislation to control registry offices had not been overlooked. The matter was being considered with a view to legislation upon the subject this session.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY, in answer to Mr. Black, said it was not true that smallpox was of periodical occurrence amongst the lascars on the P. and O. steamers, nor was it a fact that smallpox was largely the result of insanitary conditions. The shipping laws demanded 72 cubic feet of space for each lascar on board, and the lascars on the P. and O. steamers in port at the present time had more than the regulation space.

The MINISTER FOR PUBLIC WORKS, in answer to Mr. Gormly, said the department was aware that in consequence of increased settlement additional roads were coming into use in Wagga Wagga and other districts, and provision was made for them from time to time as occasion demanded. Inquiry was being made as to the necessity of having unclassified roads made passable, and each case would be dealt with on its merits.

The MINISTER FOR JUSTICE, in answer to Mr. Price, said that the cost to the country of the case of Stowart v. Gould, in which the Government appealed to the Privy Council, was £717. The appeal was made on the advice of the Crown Solicitor, backed by the joint opinion of Sir Julian Salomons and Mr. C. B. Stephen, and with the approval of the Minister for Justice and the Attorney-General.

The MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE, in answer to Mr. Collins, said that he had received reports from officers in the assisting groups of settlers to have artesian bores put down on their holdings, but the reports were of such a nature that the Government would not be justified in complying with the request of the settlers.

The MINISTER FOR WORKS, in answer to Mr. Collins, who asked a question with regard to the completion of the Tamworth to Manilla railway, said that the Act provided that this work should not be commenced if the compensation to be paid for the land required to be resumed was estimated to exceed the sum of £2000 unless there had been paid to the constructing authority a sum equal to or greater than the amount estimated in excess of that sum.

The MINISTER FOR WORKS, in answer to Mr. M'Farlane, who asked whether, respecting the proposal for flood prevention on the Hunter River, the scheme would be considered for flood prevention on the Clarence, said that the two schemes being wholly independent of each other he saw no necessity for considering them together. The principle of both schemes was much the same.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY, in answer to Mr. Chanter, who asked what amount had been paid to Mr. Varney Parkes' solicitors, or other persons on his behalf, in connection with the *Royal Commission* on the Public Works Department, said that the only amount paid was £9 12s, which was paid to W. Cole, for services as messenger to Mr. Parkes. Other claims from Mr. Parkes were under consideration.

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On the Sydney Stock Exchange the following sales were reported:—At 1 o'clock: Bank of New South Wales, 35½; Newcastle Steam, 16s 6d; Mercantile Mercantile Insurance, 9s; Mont de Piete, 33s 6d. At 4 o'clock: A.J.S. Bank deposits, 13s 3d; City Mutual Insurance, 2s 10d; Port Jackson, 10s 3d. The closing quotations were:—

Company.	Capital paid up.	Amount of Shares.	Amount paid up.	Last Div. per annum.	Prices. Last Sale.	Buyer.	Seller.
	£	£	£	p. c.			
N.S.W. Funded Stock Act, 1892	2,868,010	...	...	4	113	113	...
Ditto Act, 1873	850,186	...	...	4	117½	115	...
Ditto Deb., 1905	399,500	...	...	5	109	...	...
Ditto Deb., 1903		...	...		108½	...	...
Ditto Deb., 1913	300,000	...	...	4	105	105	...
Q'land Deben.		...	...	4	107	...	...
Colonial Sugar		...	...				
Deb., 1914	...	...	...	5	106½	106½	...
Deb., 1909	...	...	...	5½	108	...	...
Deb., 1908	...	...	...	5½	102½	...	...
BANKS.							
Australasia	1,800,000	40	40	5	...	...	15
Australian J. S.	1,166,525	10	7½		...	...	80
City	240,000	10	8	4	69	...	80
New Issue	160,000	10	8	4	74	...	77 6
Com. of Aus. pref	2,118,500	10	10	...	72	62	...
Com. of Syd.	1,000,000	25	12	8	84½	...	84½
Nat. of Aus.	1,218,431	20	10	...	...	...	...
N. S. Wales	1,946,945	20	20	9	35½	35½	...
Q'land National	926,782	8	6	...	...	...	...
Royal Bank of Queensland	875,000	8	5	2½	47	46	...
Union	1,500,000	75	25	5	25½	25½	...
DEPOSITS.							
A.J.S. Bank. Negotiable	4,985,344	...	...	...	12/3	12/2	12/
Ditto, Inscribed	391,141	...	...	...	...	...	13/
Com. of Aus.		...	...	...	15/7	...	...
A series, 1888	5,535,065	...	...	...	14 3	14/	...
Ditto assets		...	...	...	15	14 6	...
E. S. & A. series		...	...	...	18 6	18/6	...
Ditto, Term'ble	817,000	...	...	...	17/	16 9	...
Ditto, Debentre.	1,017,248	...	...	...	17/	16 9	...
Nat. prof.	1,000,000	...	...	...	12 3	12 6	...
Ditto, def.	1,000,000	...	...	...		11 9	...
Nat. of Aus.	3,265,938	...	...	...	19 7½	...	...
Oriental Bank	1,000,000	...	...	...	19/	...	...
Union	1,000,000	...	...	...	19/	...	...
Westpac	1,000,000	...	...	...	19/	...	...
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STUBBS.—The RELATIVES and FRIENDS of Mr. THOMAS ALFRED STUBBS are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of his late beloved WIFE, Mary Ann, which will move from his residence, No. 153 Pyrmont-street, Pyrmont, THIS (Thursday) AFTERNOON, at half-past 1 o'clock, for Rookwood Cemetery.
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THE RELATIVES and FRIENDS of JAMES COULTER are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of his dearly-beloved DAUGHTER, Mary Ann Stubbs; to move from her late residence, 153 Pyrmont street, Pyrmont, 1.30 p.m.

CROLE.—The FRIENDS of JAMES, WILLIAM, WILSON, ROBERT, SAMUEL, and PHILIP MILLER, are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their beloved UNCLE, George Crole; to move from his late residence, 84 Bridge-road, Glebe, THIS DAY, at 1.30 p.m.

BUCK.—The FRIENDS of Mr. J. B. BUCK are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of his dearly-beloved SON, William; to move from his residence, 16 Ridge-street, Moore Park, THIS (Thursday) AFTERNOON, at half-past 1 o'clock, for the Necropolis. Mrs. P. KIRBY and SON, Undertakers, 7 Elizabeth-street and 51 Darlinghurst-road.

APPELBY.—The FRIENDS of the deceased Mrs. MARY APPELBY are kindly invited to attend her Funeral; to move from 397 Abercrombie-street, Redfern, THIS (Thursday) AFTERNOON, at half-past 1 o'clock, for the Necropolis. Mrs. P. KIRBY and SON, Undertakers, 7 Elizabeth-st., and 51 Darlinghurst-rd. Tel., 875.

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APPELBY.—The FRIENDS of Mr. MARTIN DONNELLON are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of his dearly-beloved SISTER-IN-LAW, Mrs. Mary Appelby; to move from 397 Abercrombie-street, Redfern, THIS (Thursday) AFTERNOON, at half-past 1 o'clock, for the Necropolis. Mrs. P. KIRBY and SON, Undertakers.

LYNCH.—The FRIENDS of the late Mr. JOHN LYNCH are kindly invited to attend his Funeral; to move from his late residence, 320 Upper Brougham-street, Darlinghurst, THIS (Thursday) AFTERNOON, at half-past 2 o'clock, to Waverley Cemetery.
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LYNCH.—The FRIENDS of Mr. and Mrs. F. C. JANSON are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved FATHER, Mr. John Lynch, which will move from his late residence, 320 Upper Brougham-street, Darlinghurst, THIS (Thursday) AFTERNOON, at 2.30, for the Waverley Cemetery.

LEAPE.—The FRIENDS of Mr. JAMES and NORAH LEAPE are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their dearly-beloved SON, Denis Henry; to move from the Sydney Hospital THIS (Thursday) AFTERNOON, at half-past 2 o'clock, for the Waverley Cemetery. Mrs. P. KIRBY and SON, Undertakers, 7 Elizabeth-street.

LEAPE.—The FRIENDS of Messrs. RICHARD, JAMES, and GEORGE LEAPE are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their dearly-beloved BROTHER, Denis Henry; to move from the Sydney Hospital THIS (Thursday) AFTERNOON, at half-past 2 o'clock, for the Waverley Cemetery. Mrs. P. KIRBY and SON, Undtakrs.

LEAPE.—The FRIENDS of Mrs. TESSMAR are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of her dearly-beloved BROTHER, Denis Henry Leape; to move from the Sydney Hospital THIS (Thursday) AFTERNOON, at half-past 2 o'clock, for the Waverley Cemetery. Mrs. P. KIRBY and SON, Undtakrs.

LEAPE.—The FRIENDS of Mrs. RIGG are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of her dearly-beloved BROTHER, Denis Henry Leape; to move from the Sydney Hospital THIS (Thursday) AFTERNOON, at half-past 2 o'clock, for the Waverley Cemetery. Mrs. P. KIRBY and SON, Undertakers, 7 Elizabeth-st. and 51 Darlinghurst-rd.

WILSON.—The FRIENDS of Mr. GEORGE B. WILSON are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of his late beloved SON, George; to move from his residence, 103 Underwood-street, Paddington, THIS (Thursday) AFTERNOON, at a quarter to 3 o'clock, to Waverley Cemetery.
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WANTED, by superior young woman, SITUATION as Housemaid, genl.'s fam., good ref. F. F., P.O., Glebe.

WANTED, by superior young Person, SITUATION, housekeeper to elderly gentleman. Ivy, G.P.O.

WANTED, by smart Girl, Waitress, refreshment room or Hotel, reference. 90 Metropolitan-rd., Enmore.

WANTED, by resp. Woman, SIT., General Servant, gentleman's fam., wages mod. A. B., 144 Williams-st.

WANTED, by resp. country Girl, SIt., Housework or Nurse, gentleman's family. L. H., P.O., Newtown.

WANTED by experienced young Woman, Housemaid or General in hotel. E. L., 230 Crown-st.

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